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Short Biography

OF

Khan Bahadur Dabirul-Mulk

MOULVI MOHD. ISRAR HASAN KHAN, C. I. E.,

Magistrate 1st. Class & Deputy Collector in the
United Provinces, on deputation

as

JUDICIAL MINISTER

In the Services of

Her Highness the Ruler of Bhopal, C. I.

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PART I.

Family History

Name. *Dabirul-Mulk Khan Bahadur Maulvi Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E., Magistrate 1st Class and Deputy Collector in the United Provinces, on Deputation as Judicial Minister in the Services of Her Highness, the Ruler of Bhopal. C. I.*

Short Family History.

The Dabirul-Mulk Khan Bahadur belongs to an old and renowned Hafiz Khel Pathan family of Shahjahanpur (Rohilkhand), whose members occupied high and responsible offices during the reign of the Oudh Rulers, who were pleased to grant them suitable Jagirs in recognition of the appreciable and meritorious services, rendered by them in the discharge of the various important and prominent functions entrusted into their care. The family has hitherto preserved its memorable and hereditary quality of unflinching loyalty and devout devotion to the Throne, and its members have, as a necessary consequence, held distinctive posts under the Government, since the commencement of the British Rule in India. Their loyal and friendly relations with the British Government, particularly during the dark and gloomy period of the great Mutiny have, from time to time, received due recognition from the higher authorities.

Maulvi Mohammad Mohsin Khan, the grand father of the Khan Bahadur, was the Sub-Judge of Banda, when he retired on pension. Of his four sons the eldest, *Maulvi Mohammad Hasan Khan*, was a Sub-Judge of "the highest grade" and next to him, *Maulvi Mohammad Hamid Hasan Khan*, a Deputy Collector, at the out-break of the Mutiny. Both of the two brothers displayed undaunted zeal and staunch fidelity in their gallant fight against the rebels and sacrificed their lives for the British Cause. And the mutineers, not contented with their murder, were base enough to

loot their belonging and set fire to their dwelling house, ever since known as "JALI KOTHI", bearing living testimony to the remarkable event. The third son, *Maulvi Ahmad Hasan Khan*, was also a Deputy Collector before and after the Mutiny.

The fourth and the most illustrious son, *Khan Bahadur Maulvi Mohammad Qasim Hasan Khan*, the worthy father of *Khan Bahadur Dabirul-Mulk Maulvi Mohammad Isrur Hasan Khan, C. I. E.*, was a 1st grade Deputy Magistrate, in charge of the Firozabad Tehsil, at the out-break of the mutiny. 'His good example and a great local influence', in the main, contributed to 'maintain good order in the district.' He often accompanied Captain Tonnacky, the Officer Commanding the then Gwalior Contingent Irregular Cavalry, 'in his attacks on rebel villages as well as on dacoits and *freely exposed himself to dangers*', sticking faithfully to his post, till driven from it by the disaffection of the said Cavalry and the Firozabad people, when the position became untenable without a Military Force and he was compelled to follow Captain Tonnacky to Agra. It was through his instrumentality that the Government money amounting to Rs. 2,000 was saved by sending it to Agra, when the temper of the troops became doubtful. He gave shelter to Messrs: Marr and Price and several other Europeans, males and females, during the Mutiny, and rendered other loyal services to the Government, too numerous to be enumerated in this booklet. 'In short he always entertained a *good inclination* towards, and a *good mind for the success* of, the British.'

He was, in the words of J. C. Robertson, the late Member of the Board of Revenue, 'endowed with shrewd common sense, tact and experience, requisite for a most useful and thoroughly good officer,' who, as observed by W. T. Church, the late Collector of Bareilly, 'showed throughout his career a *partiality for the society of the English gentlemen* and a sympathy with their taste and ideas, fully reciprocated by those who knew him'; numbers of retired civilians in England, formerly belonging to these provinces, 'treated him a friend and remembered him with feelings of esteem

and affection.' Mr: C. P. Carmicheal, the late Member of the Board of Revenue, in one of his letters to *Khan Bahadur Maulvi Mohammad Qasim Hasan Khan*, calls him 'one of his oldest and most tried friends in this country,' and while giving a short account of the family achievements and paying a tribute to its steadfast loyalty, concludes by remarking that 'every member of so loyal a family is surely deserving of every considerations at our hands.'

PART II.

Biography

Earlier life
and Bhopal
Previous
Services

Dabirul-Mulk Khan Bahadur Maulvi Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E., son of the late Khan Bahadur Maulvi Mohammad Qasim Hasan Khan, was born in 1865 A. D. Having privately received good and sound education in the Urdu and Persian languages and also possessing some slight language of English, he at first joined the Bhopal Police Service as Assistant Superintendent in 1886, and being 'active' and 'energetic' and possessing 'considerable detective ability and a strong liking for his profession,' as observed by Col: H. C. E Ward, C. I. E., the then Minister of Bhopal, was soon lifted to the post of Muntazim Police, in which capacity he discharged his duties with remarkable success, as has been recognised by Her Highness, Nawab Sultan Jahan Begum, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Ruler of Bhopal, in Her auto-biography designated as "*Account of My Life*" in the following passages :—

" In the reorganization of the Police, very valuable assistance was rendered by Munshi Israr Hasan Khan. He was one among the many able officers who took service in Bhopal during Col: Ward's Ministry and he now holds the post of Chief Judicial Minister of the State. He came to Bhopal as Superintendent of Police, and by his hard work, his strict integrity, and his indifference to the opinions of all except his own superior officers, he gained the respect both of Her Highness and of Col: Ward. Unfortunately, there were others who by no means appreciated M. Israr Hasan Khan's high sense of duty, and the very qualities, I have mentioned, procured him so many enemies that, on the retirement of Col: Ward, he too tendered his resignation at the same time. Her Highness,* being fully aware of the excellent work he was doing, at first refused to accept it; but as he would not be persuaded to change his mind, she was compelled, with great reluctance, to let him go. My

* Nawab Shahjahan Begam.

husband had a very high opinion of M. Israr Hasan Khan, and often spoke of him to me. Evidence of his ability reached me from other sources, and when I became Ruler of the State, I applied to the Government of India for the transfer of his services.

Government Services

He thus broke off his connections with the State in 1889 and was taken by the United Provinces Government and appointed as an Inspector of Police in the same year; and as such he proved himself to be 'young, promising painstaking, and thoroughly trustworthy', 'and to have worked admirably', as remarked by Messrs Thomson and Webster, the then Magistrates of Muzaffarnagar.

The Deputy Inspector-General of Police of his time also, while reviewing his work in one of his reports, observes as follows:—

"This man is very smart, gentlemanly young fellow and one who will command wherever he goes. He is of very good family and takes great interest in his work."

The above services contributed to secure for him a nomination for the office of a Deputy Magistrate and he was appointed a Deputy Magistrate in 1891, and as such, according to the remarks made by Mr : A. W. Cruickshank, the Collector of Agra, proved himself to be 'a most excellent officer, a good workman, active rider, a tactful gentleman of good family, and strictly honest.' Mr. G. Forbes passed the following remarks about his work as a Deputy Magistrate:—

"Is the very stamp of man we want for a Deputy Magistrate. He rides well, keeps good horses, and is fond of shooting. Takes the very greatest interest in his work. His Judicial work is very good."

Mr. H. C. A. Conybeare, regarded him as 'a man of a good family, a good rider, and an active and efficient officer, who kept the Municipality of Firozabad in a commendable state of cleanliness, and seemed to be respected by all classes. While according to Mr. W. H. Cobb, he 'deserved special thanks for the time and attention he devoted to Municipal

matters.' Mr. S. R. Daniels, I. C. S., considered him 'a conscientious, hardworking, and a reliable officer, and the best man on the District staff.' While Mr. H. G. Peare, the District Judge of Agra, in his testimonial, dated the 19th April, 1896, observes as follows :—

" Although a young officer, Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan has, as far as I have seen and heard of his work, shown great tact and discretion. He aims at a Deputy Collectorship for which he is well fitted, as in addition to integrity and ability he is a gentleman, while many candidates for that post are not."

Thus, by dint of his energetic habits and high administrative faculties, he was soon raised to the position of a Deputy Collector. In this capacity he had ample opportunity of displaying his high proficiencies in the various branches of the executive line. His conspicuous and meritorious services, done in connection with the Famine Relief Work of 1895, won for him a name in the eyes of the superior authorities, and were recognized in the remarks of the United Provinces Government, published in the Local Gazette of that Province. Mr. Bruce noticed such a trait in his character as to use his own words " bids fair in turn to equal if not exceed the reputation of his distinguished father." Mr. H. O. W. Robarts treated him as 'a thorough gentleman, a keen horseman, a good shot, and in fact an all-round sportsman, well known for his integrity, and absolutely straightforward and reliable', so much so that he 'knew no one whom he would more readily follow'. Mr. F. D. Simpson too 'formed a very high opinion of his executive ability and *disinterested devotion* to the service of Government.' While to Mr. A. B. Patterson, Commissioner, Northern India, Salt Revenue, he was 'a young man of most gentlemanly manners and appearance, thoroughly well educated, and well fitted for Deputy Collectorship both by position, education and merit.' Mr. B. Blood, Brigadier General, also, had 'a very high opinion of him as a native gentleman and sportsman, and a man of ability and attainments.' His reputations, as observed above, reached the ears of Her Highness, the Begum of Bhopal, from various sources and his services were therefore lent to the State on Her requisitions.

Deputation
to
Bhopal
State.

Having taken over charge of his new post at Bhopal, he was, at the outset, entrusted with the duties of the Collection of Arrears of Revenue, which he carried out with such a tact and aptitude as to gain the thorough approbation of Her Highness, who was pleased to grant him a parwana in recognition of his good and conscientious services and to appoint him to the post of Naib Nasirul-Muham (Assistant Judicial Minister) on the occurrence of the vacancy. In this capacity also, he always acquitted himself creditably in every branch of State administrations, in which he was entrusted with any duty, and gave proof of his wonted fidelity, efficiency and integrity in such a manner that he was, in course of time, promoted to the office of Nasirul-Muham (Judicial Minister) in September, 1905. Ever since his appointment the Judicial Department has attained a high standard of progress.

The Government of India, as graciously recommended by Her Highness, the Ruler of Bhopal, conferred upon him, in recognition of his valuable services the title of KHAN BAHADUR as a mark of personal distinction in 1906. He has, on several occasions of importance, won favourable remarks from Her Highness and the Political Officers concerned and it has been, in the main, due to his assiduity and untiring zeal in the discharge of his duties that his successive extensions were applied for by Her Highness, one of these being for as long a period as ten years.

He did, on one occasion, show conspicuous valour and unique fortitude in capturing a notorious dacoit named Abdul Aziz, who, having committed the murder of a sentry at the Residency House Bhopal, had hidden himself fully armed under the calvert of a bridge. The Khan Bahadur entered the calvert quite alone and single-handed, and with all that, succeeded in subduing and arresting the dacoit. His other remarkable success was the recovery of three lakhs worth of sovereigns stolen from the State Treasury within a few hours of his taking the investigation in his own hands. These two events of unusual importance were brought to such a successful issue that Her Highness was highly pleased to grant him a parwana sanctioning an increment of Rs. 200 per month in his pay.

He was invited to the Delhi Durbar in 1903 and was awarded a Medal ; and when Her Highness went to Europe on the occasion of the Coronation ceremony of His Majesty, King George V, in London in the year 1911, he accompanied her there and was awarded a medal on that occasion also. He was entrusted with the important functions of management connected with the Viceroy's visit to Bhopal in 1909, which he carried out with utmost tact and success. Having regard to his valuable and loyal services done to the British Government as well as to the Durbar, the Imperial Government, on the precious recommendations of Her Highness and the Political Officers concerned, were graciously pleased to create him a C. I. E. in 1912.

Being highly gratified at the unprecedented progress and vast improvement shown in the various branches of the Judicial Department, Her Highness, the Begum of Bhopal, on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Judicial Court in 1917, was pleased to warmly congratulate the KHAN BAHADUR on his firm and unshaken loyalty, and vigilant supervision and was further pleased to confer upon him, with the permission of the Political Officers, the title of "DABIRUL MULK", as a mark of her appreciation of his meritorious services.. Her Highness, as observed above, always appreciates his work with keen interest and unshaken confidence. In the Annual Administration Report of the Bhopal State for the year 1906, we find Her Highness to be so highly pleased with his work as to thank the Government in the following words :—

" Lastly I have to record my deep sense of obligation to the Government of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, who have so kindly lent me the services of an able and valuable officer like you."



PART III.
Letters and Credentials.

(1)

PREVIOUS POLICE SERVICES OF BHOPAL STATE.

THE RESIDENCY,
Indore, 11th July, 1887.

DEAR M. ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to receive your letter of 27th June and to hear that you had been so successful in the Kathagaon Dacoity. I hope you will continue to merit the good opinion of Colonel Ward by your zeal in your work and that if you do I am quite certain that he will not forget you. Remember me to your father.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) F. L. PETRE.

Extract from the Letter of Colonel H. C. E. Ward, C. I. E., to Her Highness the Begum.

I think the Police Officer deserves considerable credit for his action in this case and I would now take this opportunity of bringing his good service to your notice, and asking you to put Maulvi Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan in as Muntazim Police. Up to this he has been working as Mœn Muntazim of Police directly under my order since Abdul Samad left. I have formed a high opinion of his capacity, and think that he will be able to carry on the duties of Head of the Police without difficulty. I think that M. Israr Hasan Khan, if appointed Muntazim of Police, will be able to give me better help than is now possible. Practically I have been making M. Israr Hasan Khan undertake the work and responsibilities of Chief of the Police these last few months without the pay. I would now ask you to give him the pay which he is earning.

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD,

11th July, 1888.

Minister Bhopal State.

I think you are certainly to be congratulated on the manner in which you worked out the murder and dacoity case in Jamunia. The old officials of the State having completely neglected their duty and failed to obtain any case, it is more creditable to you to have discovered the real offenders and to have brought the case to a satisfactory conclusion.

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD,

28th July, 1888.

Minister Bhopal State.

Extract from the Annual Administration Report of the Bhopal State for the year 1887-1888.

I admit that the Bhopal Police is not immaculate or yet as efficient as it should be, but it has improved very greatly, especially under M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan during the last six months of the year under report. A review of the work of the past 18 months shows this fact clearly and also that M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan has done extremely good service for the State.

In every case in which I have sent this officer out to make personal enquiries he has been successful, and by his active energy he has set the Thanedars a good example and has shown them how much success depends on immediate and intelligent actions. M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan is active and energetic; he has considerable detective ability and a strong liking for his profession.

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD,

11th August, 1888.

Minister Bhopal State.

8th December 1888.

DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

My resignation of the Bhopal appointment has been accepted, and one Imtiyaz Ali of Lucknow has been appointed as Madarul Muham.

Let me know whether you wish to remain in Bhopal or prefer to leave before I go.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD.

You have now been nearly two years working with me as Chief of the Bhopal Police. Your work has been invariably good. You have had much hard and trying work to do and have done it extremely well. I consider you quite fit for the duties of Muntazim of Police and have twice recommended you for the post, but H. H. the Begum has for no good reason declined to appoint you. I have now given you fifteen days' leave because I do not consider that you will be safe in Bhopal after the European minister leaves. The straight-forward and honest way in which you have done your work has made you many enemies, who will certainly take advantage of the change in affairs to give you trouble. So that you had better take leave and wait the result of the references I have made to Government on the subject. I shall always be glad to be of use to you, and if you wish I will recommend you to any officer you may name.

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD,

25th December, 1888.

Minister Bhopal State.

M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan served with me in Bhopal and through his honesty, pluck and loyalty to me, he earned the dislike of the Ruling Powers.

He gave me most valuable assistance in breaking up the many bands of Dacoits that then infested the State, and it was due chiefly to his untiring energy and pluck that I was able to break up the combination of criminals that was then giving trouble. When leaving Bhopal I commended M. Israr Hasan Khan's service to favourable consideration, and I am glad that he is now in a position where he may have

an opportunity of showing what good service he is capable of. I know that I can safely commend him to the favourable consideration of his superiors, for I know that he will do justice to my recommendation.

HOSHANGABAD: } (Sd.) H. C. E. WARD,
14th March, 1892. } Commissioner, (*Nerbada Division*).



(2)

GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Remarks made by Government Officers.



1889 — Young and promising.

(Sd.) J. B. THOMSON,

MAGISTRATE AND COLLECTOR,

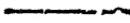
Muzaffarnagar



1890 — Has worked admirably and is thoroughly trustworthy.

(Sd.) A. T. WEBSTER,

Muzaffarnagar.



1890 — Has worked well, is painstaking and has his heart in his work.

(Sd.) A. T. WEBSTER,

Muzaffarnagar.

1890—I concur.

This officer has shown himself to be fearless and trustworthy.

(Sd.) V. A. SMITH,

MAGISTRATE AND COLLECTOR,

Muzaffarnagar.

Extract from a Report of Deputy Inspector General Police.

This man is very smart, gentlemanly young fellow, and one who will command wherever he goes. He is of very good family and takes great interest in his work.

26th May, 1891.

*Extract from character roll of Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan,
Tahsildar.*

Came to me with a very good character from Muzaffarnagar which he has maintained with experience and care. He is already a good shot and rider.

(Sd.) H. B. FINLAY,

23rd November, 1891.

Collector, Agra.

Is the very stamp of man we want for a Tahsildar. He rides well, keeps good horses and is fond of shooting. Takes the very greatest interest in his work and is rapidly becoming acquainted with it. His judicial work, considering his short experience, is very good; when he has had more experience he will do excellently well for one of the harder Tahsils.

(Sd.) G. FORBES,

8th December, 1891.

Officiating Collector.

The Tahsildar, Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, is an active man and seems to me to have as good a knowledge of the Tahsil as should be expected in view of the fact that he has been in it less than a year. He takes interest in his work.

(Sd.) A. SABONADIERE,
Officiating Joint Magistrate,

December, 1891.

Agra.

FIROZABAD MUNICIPALITY.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT.

1891-92—The Tahsildar Maulvi Israr Hasan Khan, who is Vice-Chairman of the Board, deserves special thanks for the time and attention he has devoted to Municipal matters during the year.

(Sd.) W. H. COBB,
MAGISTRATE AND COLLECTOR,

Agra.

Commissioner's remarks on the above Report.

I am glad that Maulvi Israr Hasan Khan has deserved your commendation.

(Sd.) W. E. NEALE,
Commissioner Agra Division.

Commissioner's remarks on the above Report.

The Tahsildar, M. Israr Hasan Khan, deserves great credit for rendering you effectual assistance, and for the excess over the estimate under the head of "Miscellaneous."

(Sd.) G. R. WILLIAMS,
Commissioner, Agra Division.

*Extract from the Revenue Administration Reports of the
Agra District.*

1892-93-Munshi Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, Tahsildar of Firozabad, is a promising Tahsildar of great activity.

(Sd.) A. W. CRUICKSHANK,

Magistrate and Collector,

Agra.

Munshi Israr Hasan Khan is a superior example of the native gentleman. He also is keen and intelligent in the performance of his duties.

(Sd.) P. HARRISON,

23rd April, 1893.

Joint Magistrate, Agra.

Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, Tahsildar of Firozabad, is a thorough gentleman, a keen horseman, a good shot, and in fact an all-round sportsman.

He belongs to a well known and respected family, which was conspicuous for its loyalty in the Mutiny. He is an excellent Tahsildar and well known for his integrity.

(Sd.) H. O. W. ROBARTS,

Joint Magistrate, Agra.

Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan is a member of an old Pathan family of Shahjahanpur, many of whose members I have known. He has been Tahsildar of Firozabad for some years and I have frequently met him and have heard much of him from the district officers. He is a young officer of most gentlemanly manners and appearance and thoroughly

well educated. He has just been promoted to a Deputy Collectorship for which he is well-fitted both by social position, education and merit. Of course he has not worked under me but I have heard much of his good work from the district officers. I shall always be glad to meet him again.

(Sd.) A. B. PATTERSON,
Commissioner Northern India,
 Salt Revenue,
Agra.

1893-94-The only remaining Tahsildar who has worked under me as Joint Magistrate is Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan of Firozabad Tahsil, which he has thoroughly in hand. I have always found his work good and reliable.

(Sd.) H. J. HOARE,
OFFICIATING COLLECTOR,
Agra.

1893-94-The Tahsildar, Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, has worked well throughout the year, and takes great interest in the Sanitary state of the town and in improving the roads and appearance of the streets.

(Sd.) A. W. CRUICKSHANK,
Collector of Agra.

Commissioner's Remark on the above Report.

I concur in your view of the present Tahsildar's well meant energy.

(Sd.) W. H. NEALE,
Commissioner, Agra Division.

Government's Remarks on the above as given in G. O.

No. 1897
XI-474, dated 6th August 1894.
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I am to express satisfaction at the work done by the Tahsildar.

(Sd.) D. C. BAILIE,
Secretary to Government N. W. P. and Oudh.

1894-95—Munshi Israr Hasan Khan of Firozabad, a man of a good family and a good rider. He is an active and efficient officer who keeps the Municipality of Firozabad in a commendable state of cleanliness ; and he seems to be respected by all classes.

(Sd.) H. C. A. CONYBEARE,
Magistrate and Collector,
Agra.

A most excellent officer, a good workman, active rider, and a tactful gentleman of good family. He has been in charge of Firozabad Tahsil for more than three years and kept it well in hand. I recommended him for a Deputy Collectorship. He is strictly honest.

(Sd.) A. W. CRUICKSHANK,
4th November, 1895. *Collector, Agra.*

I have known M. Israr Hasan Khan, Tahsildar of Firozabad, since I came to this district in 1893. He comes of a respectable old Pathan family and one that proved its loyalty to the Government in the Mutiny times.

In his work he is energetic, capable, and reliable. In private life he is a thorough gentleman. He is a good shot and keen horseman, and has often been my companion in field sports.

He is very anxious to become a Deputy Collector, and I wish him every success, as he possesses all the qualities which would make him a valuable Government servant in that capacity.

I shall always be glad to meet M. Israr Hasan Khan again in official or social life.

(Sd.) H. J. HOARE,

28th February, 1895.

Joint Magistrate, Agra.

1895-96—During the year the Tahsildar Maulvi Israr Hasan Khan, Vice-Chairman of the Board, continued to evince an intelligent and active interest in Municipal work ; and many of the improvements effected during the year are, chiefly, if not entirely, due to his energy. I may also state that when the new fruit market was let out free of rent to the vegetable vendors (who used to sit, formerly, on the road side, exposed to all sort of weather) they, as well as the other residents of the town, named it the Israr Mandi, which compliment the Tahsildar deserves.

(Sd.) H. SPENCER,

Collector of Agra.

M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan is one of an old Shah-jahanpur family of which many members are in high Government employ. His work as a Tahsildar during the 3 years I have been Collector of Agra has been excellent and I recommended him for a Deputy Collectorship. His integrity and ability have made him much respected in his Tahsil. He is a good rider and shot. His former Police experience has been of value to him and to me. I wish him every success.

(Sd.) A. W. CRUICKSHANK,

5th April, 1896.

Collector, Agra.

JUDGE'S COURT AGRA,

19th April, 1896.

I have known Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan for between 3 and 4 years as Tahsildar of Firozabad. It is not an easy place to run as there are a gang of intriguing badmashes, these headed by one Sohan Lal, who gives constant trouble.

Although a young officer, Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan has, as far as I have seen and heard of his work, shown great tact and discretion. He aims at a Deputy Collectorship for which he is well-fitted as in addition to integrity and ability he is a gentleman, while many candidates for that post are not.

(Sd.) H. G. PEARE,

Judge.

M. Israr Hasan Khan is the son of a loyal old servant of Government, M. Kasim Hasan Khan, Tahsildar of Bareilly, well known in these provinces (North Western Provinces). M. Israr Hasan Khan's family is a good one, and he is a quite young man of good principles, who would, I am confident, endeavour to please his superiors. His father is a perfect gentleman, and one of the pleasantest men I have met in this country.

(Sd.) F. A. BROWNRIGG,

1st September, 1896.

Joint Magistrate, Azamgarh.

AGRA, N. W. P.

12th April, 1897.

I have known M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, the Deputy Collector of Unao, for some time, and have a very high opinion of him as a native gentleman and sportsman. I have observed that he is a man of ability and attainments

and I am much pleased to know that his merits have been recognized by his promotion to a Deputy Collectorship.

(Sd.) B. BLOOD,
BRIGADIER GENERAL,
Camp Bundelkhand District.

M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan is a careful and conscientious Magistrate.

Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan maintained the high reputation with which he came to this district during the twelve months he served under me and *bids fair in turn to equal if not exceed the reputation of his distinguished father.*

(Sd.) A. B. BRUCE,
22nd March, 1898. Deputy Commissioner, Una.

Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan is an able Magistrate ; he is moreover a thorough gentleman whom it is always a pleasure to meet.

HARDOI : } (Sd.) J. E. BRANSON,
28th July, 1898. } District Judge.

Extract from Revenue and Criminal Annual Reports of District Una, Regarding M. Israr Hasan Khan, Deputy Collector, at the time of Deputation.

Revenue Reports for 1897 and 1898.

He is a conscientious, hard working and reliable officer, and since Ahmad Ali's transfer, is the best man on the District staff.

(Sd.) S. R. DANIELS, I. C. S.
Deputy Commissioner.

REVENUE REPORT FOR 1898-99.

Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, officiating Deputy Collector, has worked in the district throughout the year reported on.

He is an excellent administrative officer, hard working and energetic. He is thoroughly reliable and has plenty of tact.

(Sd.) H. O. W. ROBARTS, C. S.

Deputy Commissioner.

CRIMINAL REPORT FOR 1899.

M. Israr Hasan Khan is steady and energetic and very good judge of facts.

(Sd.) A. SABONADIERE, I. C. S.

Sessions Judge.

REVENUE REPORT FOR 1899-1900.

M. Israr Hasan Khan, officiating Deputy Collector, worked throughout the year and has been of greatest assistance to me. His work has been uniformly excellent.

(Sd.) H. O. W. ROBARTS, C. S.

Deputy Commissioner.

I quite agree with the Deputy Commissioner about M. Israr Hasan Khan who is a hard working, sensible officer and good judge of evidence.

(Sd.) A. SABONADIERE, I. C. S.

Sessions Judge.

*Extract from the Annual Revenue Administration Report of
Unaо for 1900-1901.*

M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, officiating Deputy Collector, worked throughout the year. He is one of the best Deputy Collectors, I have come into contact with, and his work has been uniformly excellent, his case work, in particular, being careful and thorough.

(Sd.) R. P. DEWHURST, C. S.

Officiating Deputy Commissioner.

CRIMINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1901.

M. Israr Hasan Khan's work has continued to be excellent.

Sessions Judge's remark on the above report coincide.

*Extracts of Remarks made by the Deputy Commissioner Unaо
on the 26th March, 1901.*

I have known M. Israr Hasan Khan as Tahsildar in the Agra District and for three years as Deputy Collector here. He has thoroughly fulfilled the very high expectations which I was originally led to form from my previous knowledge of

the members of his family. A man of his integrity and loyalty towards his superiors is bound to raise up enemies. On the present occasion the enemies raised by his conduct of the enquiry into Chaudhari Mahander Singh's behaviour during the late Moharram at Bangarmau, and by his action in regard to bad characters of Unaو and its neighbourhood, are perhaps more powerful than usual. I am confident, however, that whatever they may do M. Israr Hasan Khan need have no apprehensions of any mischief to his reputation or to himself.

(Sd.) H. O. W. ROBARTS,
Deputy Commissioner.

I concur in what Mr. Robarts has said. M. Israr Hasan Khan is the worthy son of his father, and I can give him no higher praise.

LUCKNOW: } (Sd.) R. G. HARDY,
28th March, 1901. } *Commissioner.*

UNITED SERVICE CLUB, CALCUTTA,
27th February, 1902.

MY DEAR IMPEY,

I give a line to introduce M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, one of the best Deputy Collectors in the Division, whom I have known and liked from the time he was a boy. His father, Qasim Hasan Khan, was Tahsildar of Bareilly for a great number of years, and was loyal to us in the mutiny. His family is a very highly respected one, old Rohilla Pathans of Shahjahanpur.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. G. HARDY,

Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan has worked with me for some six years, first as Tahsildar when I was Sub-Divisional

Officer, and for the last four years as Deputy Collector, when I held charge of a district. I have always found him absolutely straight-forward and reliable, I know no one whom I would more readily follow.

10th July, 1902.

(Sd.) H. O. W. ROBARTS, C. S.

UNAO.

11th July, 1902.

I have now known M. Israr Hasan Khan, Deputy Collector, for the past year, and judging from what I have seen of him I must say I have formed a very high opinion of him. He has proved himself to be an excellent Magistrate when in Court and when out of doors he is an A. I. sportsman. He has now been transferred to Bhopal, and his loss to this district will be a great one. I shall ever be pleased to hear of his prosperity and welfare.

(Sd.) P. TOULMIN.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, UNAO.

11th July, 1902.

M. Israr Hasan Khan is leaving Unao to enter the service of the Bhopal State. He has been in the district for over 5 years and he has earned the esteem of all the Deputy Commissioners under whom he has served.

I knew his cousin who was a Tahsildar in Cawnpore District and a good officer and sportsman.

My acquaintance with M. Israr Hasan Khan has been for four months only but during that time I have formed a very high opinion of his executive ability and disinterested devotion to the service of Government. He was of great assistance to me when the Ram Naumi and the Moharram fell together and there was some fear of quarrels between Hindus and Mohammedans. I hope he will serve his new masters as well as he has served the Government and that he has a prosperous career before him.

(Sd.) F. D. SIMPSON,
Officiating Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTATION TO BHOPAL STATE.

REMARKS BY HER HIGHNESS (*Parwanas*)

COPY of a Parwana granted by Her Highness to Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan after the Delhi Durbar enumerating the services done by him since the time of his deputation to this state.

In the beginning I entrusted you with the work of collection of Arrears of Revenue, which really you discharged to my entire satisfaction, and by your able management the State Treasury was benefitted to a good deal. At that very period the Coronation Darbar at Delhi being near at hand I entrusted you with the making of preliminary arrangements for my journey and appointed you to the command of my camp.

Your efforts in this connection were also crowned with marked success and I was entirely satisfied with the zeal, efficiency and honesty displayed by you, in return whereof I gave a Parwana testifying to my approval of your services and recommended you for the grant of a Coronation Medal. Since the work of collection of Arrears of Revenue was given to you as a temporary measure, so on the occurrence of a vacancy I appointed you to the office of Naib Nasirul Muham.

After a year's experience I am glad to declare that my expectations in this behalf have been fulfilled in every respect. The annual retnrns for 1321 A. H. which are now before me bear ample testimony to your zeal and efficiency, and this view is also borne out by your immediate superior officer Viz: Nasirul Muham.

Moreover you have creditably acquitted yourself in every branch of State administration, in which you were entrusted with any duty from the beginning of your connection with this State, and you have given proof of your fidelity, efficiency and integrity in the execution of these duties, and thereby earned my entire approval and have justified the high reputation you had brought from your service under the British Government. Wherefore making you permanent on the post of Naib Nasirul-Muham, and making an increase in your pay over and above the budget sanction I offer you future prospects, if you continue to persevere in your present loyal and honest course of conduct, because it will lead to the appreciation of your services and to your advancement, and I trust you will maintain the good reputation in future just as you have done in the past in the service of the British Government as well as in this State, and I assure you that I shall never overlook the labours and meritorious services of my faithful officials. So I grant you this Parwana of my approval of your services that you may keep it with you as testimonial.

Dated Bhopal. } (Sd.) MANUAL OF HER HIGHNESS,
The 17th Rabi-ul-Awal, }
1322 H. } the Begum of Bhopal.

*Copy of an extract from Her Highness' letter to the Hononrable
 Major H. Daly, Agent to the Governor General
 Central India, proposing the appointment of
 Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan
 Khan to the office of
 Nasirul-Muham.*

MY DEAR FRIEND,

Before I dwell upon the details of the administration of my State I write to inform you that when I so greatly needed a Judicial Officer for the post of Nasirul-Muham I

had asked Mr: Bayley to select a suitable man for me and thereupon the Government of Bengal borrowed me the services of Khan Bahadur M. Nasiruddin, who is now desirous to revert to his original post.

Consequently I find it necessary to make some arrangements to fill up the vacancy and to notify my selection to the Government so that no difficulty may arise after his departure.

At present, so far I think, Munshi Israr Hasan Khan, Deputy Magistrate, who is serving here as an Assistant Judicial Minister seems fully qualified for the post of Nasirul-Muham. This means his promotion to a higher post which he deserves after his three years services.

It is also necessary for me to point out that I borrowed the services of Munshi Israr Hasan Khan from the United Provinces Government first for one year and then for two years, and I have lately secured an extension of his services for three years more. The Services which he and his ancestors rendered to the Birtish Government are too well known to require mention. The high position of his family and their loyalty towards the British Government, in the dark days of Mutiny, and their honesty and integrity are generally known and need no comment.

During the last three years I have had sufficient experience of his work to place confidence in his ability. He has also acquired a knowledge of customs and usage of the State during this period. It is a proof of his good service that the Honourable Mr. Bayley and Major Impey and Manners Smith have expressed their satisfaction with his work which can be gathered from his testimonials. I believe the present Political Agent also approves of his services. Besides this the public also have full confidence in his administration of justice.

Out of his three years services in the Bhopal he has been discharging the duties of Assistant Judicial Minister for two years. He has also officiated for the Nasirul-Muham on several occasions besides doing his ordinary duties, when

the latter officer went on leave. He has also supervised the work of the other courts and raised them to a high standard of efficiency. The Nasirul-Muham has also expressed his approval of his work from time to time.

Besides his claims there are other grounds justifying his appointment to this post. He has gained a large experience during these three years and if a new man is appointed he will take a long time to make himself acquainted with his duties which will entail a deterioration of work.

His appointment is specially necessary at this stage of administration when the Police Department is being reorganised.

I have every confidence in him and no other person will be a fit substitute for him. Besides this he holds the same post of Deputy Collector under the Government as Mouli Nasiruddin.

In short, in view of his being an Assistant Judicial Minister, occasionally officiating for the Nasirul-Muham and giving satisfaction of his work, he has proved himself fully entitled to this post.

I therefore request you to write to Government that I propose to appoint him to the post of Nasirul-Muham from September, 1905, when Munshi Nasiruddin relinquishes charge of his office, on probation for three years ending July, 1908 (the period for which his services have already been borrowed) on a pay of Rs. 800/- This recognition of his services will be an encouragement to other officials of the State.

I therefore require your kind assistance in this matter. I hope you will concur with me and represent my views to the British Government so that there may be no hitch in carrying out the project.

The Honourable

MAJOR H. DALY C. S. I. C. I. E.

Agent to the Governor General.

Indore.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE

OF

NASIRUL MUHAM.

To

M. MOHAMMAD ISBAR HASAN KHAN,

Deputy Magistrate.

Be it known that the services of Khan Bahadur Maulvi Syed Nasiruddin were lent to this State by the Government of India for two years, that by reason of the unsuitableness of climate the said gentleman wishes to go back to his permanent post in the Government service and he will lay down the office of Nasirul Muham (Judicial Minister) on the 16th September, 1905. As you have from the commencement of your service in this State given me full satisfaction by your assiduity, efficiency and loyalty, and discharged all duties entrusted to you with utmost tact and ability, and whenever you were heretofore put in charge of the office of Nasirul Muham in the latter's absence, you discharged the functions of the said office to my entire satisfaction, you are hereby appointed to the said office of Nasirul-Muham, for which you are so well-fitted, from the 16th September, 1905.

From the date in question the pension contribution, which is paid to you by the State at the rate of Rs. 50 a month, will be stopped. You will continue to draw a monthly salary of Rs. 800, the pension contribution, whatever it may amount to, will be remitted direct to the Government Treasury.

From your old connection with the State and your loyal sentiments I am fully confident that you shall continue to discharge the functions of your new office with as much credit as you have been doing hitherto, and that you shall also maintain the same standard of popularity as you have hitherto maintained in the service of the Government, as well as, in that of the State. This will tend to your advancement and my approval.

At the departure of Nasirul-Muham you are hereby directed to take charge of his office from him, and make over charge of your own office to Maulvi Enayet Karim, and report the fact to me in due course.

Dated Bhopal, } (Sd.) MANUAL OF HER HIGHNESS,
The 14th September, 1905. } *The Begam of Bhopal.*

Copy of a letter from Her Highness to the Honourable C. S. Bayley Agent Governor-General C. I., recommending Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan for Khan Bahadurship in recognition of the appreciable services rendered by him to the State and highly commending on the antecedents of his family. This copy Her Highness had been pleased to grant to Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan after the announcement of his Khan Bahadurship to act as a testimonial.

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MY DEAR FRIEND,

I shall esteem it a special favour if you will kindly draw the attention of our benevolent Government to the invaluable services of M. Israr Hasan Khan, of the Oudh Provincial service, who was deputed to the Bhopal State, a little more than two years ago, and move the Government of India in strong terms to confer on him the well deserved title of "Khan Bahadur" in recognition of all the appreciable services which the officer in question has rendered to the State, in the administration of its different Departments, and in the general management of its affairs, notably among them being the arrangements made in connection with plague and the Delhi Darbar.

I may state here for your information that when it struck me to reward M. Israr Hasan Khan for his thorough discharge of all the multifarious functions of the State, I made it a point that before I trouble you with a proposal of the kind, I should take every care to find out the antecedents

of the said officer as well as the characteristics of his family and their private means. From enquiries on these points I have been able to ascertain that M. Israr Hasan Khan is a member of a well known family, which owns a hereditary estate and the members whereof are all held in high esteem by the Government and have held high position under it, and most prominent among them was his father, Khan Bahadur Maulvi Kasim Hasan Khan, who having honourably served the Government for about 42 years breathed his last. In the Mutiny of 1857 this gentleman stuck to the Government at the risk of his life, and infact sacrificed his two brothers at the hands of the rebels, who not only plundered all his household property, but set fire to the house itself and killed his aforesaid brothers. The house is still known by the name of "Jalikothi". These facts are well known to most of the Government Officers, and are particularly referred to in the writings of Mr. C. P. Carmicheal and Mr. W. T. Church, which I got read to me and copies whereof are hereto attached.

They further lead me to infer that for all these highly creditable services the old man never looked up to the Government for any compensation and the officers in question therefore expressed a desire to see his sons benefitted at the hands of the Government. Moreover I find that beside the father three other members of M. Israr Hasan Khan's family were honoured with the title of "Khan Bahadur" and a fourth one with the title of "Wala Qadar Khan Bahadur" for their own meritorious services. All of them save one have died.

M. Israr Hasan Khan has also personally served the Government for about 14 years, and in the course of his official career has amply proved that he is *an able and faithful son of an able and faithful father*. Since all his superior officers have testified to his highly moral and praiseworthy character.

In one of his latest credentials I find Mr. Bruce noticing such a trait in his character as to use his own words:— "Bids fair in turn to equal if not exceed the reputation of his distinguished father" (vide copies of testimonials attached).

Moreover during the famine of 1895 the good services performed by Mr. Israr Hasan Khan, among the whole lot of Deputy Collectors of Oudh, were publicly acknowledged by the Government in its Gazette of 18th December, 1897. And when a riot was imminent on the occasion of Ram Nomi and Moharram, two rival factious festivals falling on one and the same date, it was due to his administrative tact and capability that the calamity was averted, and the fact was specially noticed by his District Officer.

Mr. Israr Hasan Khan's general behaviour and conduct of business has not only made a favourable impression on my mind, but I fairly infer that Major L. Impey and other officers too including yourself have formed a good opinion of him.

For the reasons stated above, when it has been established beyond doubt that he is the son of a father, whose loyalty to the British Government is unquestionable and whose family has always been honoured with such distinction, and that he himself has hitherto maintained a respectable position and has got considerable private means of his own, and moreover has creditably acquitted himself both in the service of the British Government, as a Deputy Collector, and in this State, as Assistant to the Judicial Minister, and as all the high officers of Government are in accord with me that his merits deserve due recognition at our hands, I think I am only doing my duty in submitting this proposal to Government, since he richly deserves the distinction, and if his services had not been transferred to this State I think he might by this time have found some one to plead his cause before the Government.

Under these circumstances I think that if this request of mine is granted by the Government it will not only gratify me personally, but serve as an incentive to the faithful servants of the Government deputed to the Native States, and as a model to the public servants of the State in general in moulding their character. So I have every reason to hope that you

and my friend Major Manners Smith will both approve my idea and help me in this matter.

Dated Bhopal, } Yours most sincerely,
 The 28th November, 1905. } (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
 Ruler of Bhopal.

To,

The Honourable
 C. S. BAYLEY,
 Agent to the Governor General C. I.
 Indore.

Copy of a Parwana granted by Her Highness on the 23rd May, 1906, especially commending on the progress of Judicial Department, under the supervision of M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan.

On going through the annual report for 1322 A. H., sent in by the Nasirul Muham of the State, I was glad to observe the high standard of progress which the Judicial Department of the State has attained under the supervision of the Naib Nasirul Muham, Munshi Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan. It is in reality a proof positive of his energy that he has brought the work of his own court up to date, so that the lower courts might also follow his example. The Statements he has prescribed and the procedure of calling for records, and pointing out legal flaws, which he has adopted, likewise lead to a thorough reform which was so badly wanted here.

I am glad to declare that the said gentleman has not only discharged his own official duties with zeal and integrity but as regards other functions also which were entrusted to him, he has proved himself to be an efficient and straightforward officer.

(Sd.) MANUAL OF HER HIGHNESS,
 The Begum of Bhopal.

*Copy of a Parwana granted by Her Highness while .
reviewing on the annual report for
the year 1905.*

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This is the fourth year of your deputation to this State. During this interval the efficiency, the integrity and the loyal devotion with which you discharged the duties entrusted to you, have from time to time been taken notice of by me in my previous writings, and it was in appreciation of those services that I raised your pay and promoted you to the rank of the Judicial Minister. In the latter capacity also you have acquitted yourself creditably and from the marked progress which I notice all along the Judicial line, I am glad to find how useful and eminently fitted for the State you have proved yourself in your new capacity.

As you have done excellent services under the British Government also and here too your services, after full experience, were found to be highly valuable, I was persuaded to ask the British Government to confer the title of "Khan Bahadur" on you and I am glad to say that my proposal in this behalf met with the approval of Government.

Besides the function of your new office the plague arrangements specially entrusted to you were excellently and diligently performed by you this year.

Under these circumstances I hope that following the natural trait of your character you will continue to discharge your duties as creditably in future as you have done in the past and thus set an example to others.

(Sd.) **MANUAL OF HER HIGHNESS,**

Dated 7th June, 1906.

The Begum of Bhopal.

*Copy of a Parwana granted by Her Highness on the review
of the annual report for the year 1906, commending on the
organisation and progress of the Judicial and the
Police Departments.*

It is five years now since you have been in this State. The progressive efficiency, displayed by you at the end of each year of your service here, has formed the subject of many a comment made by me on the annual administration reports of the State.

Apart from the administrative abilities of a high order which characterized the administration of every Department placed under your charge, I wish to testify with great pleasure that by your toilsome labours and untiring zeal, and conscientious discharge of duties, you have not only given me entire satisfaction but have thereby earned a great popularity amongst all classes of my subjects, and even amongst the Political officers with whom you happened to work.

The Judicial and the Police Departments placed under your charge have made such an unprecedented progress under your keen supervision that they would do credit to any Native State in British India.

Lastly I have to record my deep sense of obligation to the Government of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, who have so kindly lent me the services of an able and valuable officer like you.

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,

The 1st May, 1907.

Ruler of Bhopal.

*Extract from the Administration Report of the Bhopal State
for 1906-07 A. D.*

Khan Bahadur Munshi Israr Hasan Khan continued in the charge of the office of the Nasirul Muham and has won

Her Highness's appreciation by his hard and zealous work. Over and above the Judicial work the Nasirul Muham has also to supervise the Police Department and the Jail and the responsibilities of the Nasirul Muham are consequently not those of a sinecure. The success with which Munshi Israr Hasan Khan performed his duties fulfils the expectations which Her Highness formed of him at the time of appointing him to this high post. The facts that 124 appeals were instituted in his Court during the year under report and 5432 other cases were referred to him, out of which not one has been left in the pending file at the end of the year, speak for themselves. The result of his labours in supervising the work of Lower Courts and the Police is detailed under Chapter III. Munshi Israr Hasan Khan has now been serving the State faithfully for five years, and the Darbar is in a position to record that in him it has found a hardworking, conscientious, honest and useful servant. The Judicial Department has seen much improvement under his supervision. He tries to maintain his reputation which he has brought with him from British Service. The Darbar is acquainted with this officer from the time of Colonel Ward, the late Minister, and appreciates his valuable services.

*Copy of a review on the annual report for the year 1907, made
by Her Highness granting an increment of
Rs. 200 in the pay.*

I am highly gratified at the vast improvement noticeable in the report of the year under review, no doubt that you have by your untiring zeal, displayed within the last six years, proved yourself to be a highly laudable and loyal officer of the State, a quality which deserves due recognition at my hands, which I mean to do in the shape of increasing your pay by Rs. 200 a month from the beginning of the new Moham-madi year, for which I have already obtained the sanction of Government, and whilst congratulating you on this promotion I trust that you will ever continue to discharge your functions as ably and efficiently as you have done hitherto and maintain the high reputation for good work you have

brought from the Government on the same level which has been attained by you here during the last six years.

*Dated Bhopal } (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
The 2nd June, 1908. } Ruler of Bhopal.*

*Copy of a letter from Her Highness to Major S. F. Bayley,
Political Agent Bhopal, reviewing generally on the
meritorious services done by K. B. M. Israr Hasan
Khan and asking sanction for announcing
an increment of Rs. 200 in his pay on the
occasion of Her accession anniversary in 1909.*

My dear Friend,

I am drawing your attention to the following matter and hope you will be in full accord with me in referring it to the Government for favourable orders and oblige me by obtaining Government sanction as soon as possible.

You and Col. Daly know full well how ably, conscientiously and faithfully K. B. M. Israr Hasan Khan, Judicial Minister, has, since his deputation to this state, discharged the duties entrusted to him, and how valuable his services have been to the Durbar. He has proved himself an efficient and capable officer and is held in high esteem not only by me and all the Political Officers but also by the British Government for the many admirable qualities which he possesses. His meritorious services have earned him a well deserved recognition in the shape of a rapid promotion in this State as well as under the United Provinces Government. But up to this time he is getting Rs. 200 less than the full pay of his post.

There are two Ministers in this State, one of whom is the head of the Judicial and the other of the Revenue Depart-

ment. Khan Bahadur M. Nasiruddin, a retired Deputy Collector of Bengal is the Revenue Minister and draws Rs. 1,200 a month, and Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan who is the Judicial Minister gets only Rs. 1,000 a month. The budget allotment for both these posts is Rs. 2,500 a month, and I had been intending to reward M. Israr Hasan Khan's services by giving him an increment of Rs. 200 when he captured the notorious outlaw, Abdul Aziz Khan, who had just then committed dacoity and murder at the Agency House and who was standing with a loaded gun in his hand to shoot any one who might come across his path. It was an act of heroism for which I thought fit to reward him by making up for this deficiency in his pay. But I postponed my intention as I considered the beginning of the new session a more fitting occasion for this purpose. Recently in addition to his long record of excellent work M. Israr Hasan Khan has rendered a most remarkable service to this State which will always be memorable in its History. This impelled me to apply at once to the Government through the kind intervention of yourself and the Honourable Colonel Daly for permission to make up for this deficiency in his salary. On 21st March it was discovered that a sum of about three lacs in gold sovereigns had been stolen from the State Treasury. I communicated this news to M. Israr Hasan Khan whose experience in such matters is very large and extensive and asked him to spare no pains to trace the offenders. He applied himself to this task with the most indefatigable energy and took the investigation personally in hand. Within eight hours of the matter being brought to his notice he captured the offenders who confessed their guilt, and out of two lacs and eighty-six thousands worth of stolen sovereigns recovered two lacs and forty-one thousands hard cash. The balance is also expected to be recovered shortly. There could be no stronger evidence of M. Israr Hasan Khan's ability than to achieve this unique success in recovering such a large amount of stolen property consisting of nothing but money in such a short time. In recognition of this service as well as his other services I consider it imperative to make an increment of Rs. 200 in his pay, which will not only be an encouragement to him but have a most useful effect from the administrative point of view.

I trust that you and Colonel Daly agree with me in representing this matter to the Government with your favourable remarks and obtaining the requisite sanction. I wish to announce this increment in his salary on the occasion of my accession anniversary, and hope you will allow me to do in anticipation of receiving the sanction even if it may not arrive by that time.

To,
Major S. F. BAYLEY, I. A.
Political Agent in Bhopal.

Copy of a Parwana granted by Her Highness on the 20th June, 1909, speaking of the capture of Abdul Aziz and the successful investigation of Treasury theft case.

It is now seven years since your services were transferred to this State. I am glad to testify that during this period you have discharged the duties entrusted to you with great ability, integrity and conscientiousness. You have proved yourself an efficient and capable officer and justified the high opinion that your superior officers formed of you when you were in British service. The valuable services which you have rendered to the Darbar have been appreciatively noticed by me from time to time and have received a fitting recognition in the shape of rapid promotion. A review of your work this year also shows that you have maintained a very high standard of excellence in the work of all the Departments under your control. But it is not only your Departmental work that needs special mention, for there have also been two events of unusual importance which you have brought to such a successful conclusion. In November last you captured with conspicuous bravery the notorious outlaw, Abdul Aziz, who had committed dacoity and murder at the

Agency House and who had taken up his position under a calvert with a loaded gun ready to fire on any one who might advance to meet him. Your other remarkable success was the recovery of more than two lacs worth of sovereigns stolen from the State Treasury within a few hours of your taking the investigation personally in hand.

I am glad that the Government have acceded to my request made through the Political Officers to raise your salary by Rs. 200 and congratulate you on this well deserved promotion as a fitting acknowledgment of your eminent services.

Dated Bhopal, } (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
The 20th June, 1909. } *Ruler of Bhopal.*

AHMADABAD PALACE.

17th January, 1917.

To,

KHAN BAHADUR MAULVI MOHAMMAD
 ISRAR HASAN KHAN, C. I. E.,
 Judicial Minister,
 Bhopal State.

Her Highness, Nawab Sultan Jahan Begam, Crown of India, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., Ruler of Bhopal State, has generously and graciously been pleased to confer upon you the title of Dabirul-Mulk as a mark of personal distinction and to authorise you to use the same with your own name.

(Sd.) HAMIDULLAH KHAN,

NAWABZADA, B. A.,

Chief Secretary to the

17th January, 1917.

Ruler of Bhopal.

Extract from Her Highness's Speech given in reply to the Address presented to her on the occasion of the opening Ceremony of the Judicial Court in January 1917.



I fully realise that the improvements made in the Judicial Department and the administration of the State in general, during my regime, are to a large extent due to your own and chiefly to the Nasirul-Muham's exertions and loyal devotion to duty.

It is my pleasant duty to congratulate you all and specially DABIRUL-MULK KHAN BAHADUR ISRAR HASAN KHAN, whose sense of duty is deserving of my praise and whose firm and unshaken loyalty and vigilant supervision impart the element of a machinery to every scheme of reforms introduced here, as he has minutely studied the changes through which the State has passed and has, from the commencement of my reign, held the offices of considerable responsibility in the State and I am confident that he must be feeling exceedingly pleased at all these improvements and their results in whieh he himself had played a great part.



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Requisitions for Extension of Services.

AHMEDABAD PALACE,
Bhopal, 17th May, 1903.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

The deputation of M. Israr Hasan Khan's services to this State had been sanctioned by the Government of the United Provinces for one year with the option of retaining them if required at the expiry of that period.

M. Israr Hasan Khan resumed the charge of the office of Isal Bakiat here and performed his duties very ably and energetically ; I now propose to appoint him as an Assistant to the Nasirul-Muham on pay of Rs. 400 per month besides the usual contribution to pension. But the period of his services is about to expire. I therefore request you to communicate to the Government of United Provinces for two years' extension of M. Israr Hasan Khan's services to this State on Rs. 400 a month, besides the usual contribution to pension in addition to his salary.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
Ruler of Bhopal.

To

MAJOR L. IMPEY,
Political Agent in Bhopal,
Sehore.

SADAR MANZIL,
Bhopal, 17th January, 1905.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

The services of M. Israr Hasan Khan were, in the first instance, lent to this State for one year, and at the end of

that period, in consideration of his good services in the State, I got an extension of two years in the aforesaid period of his deputation.

The term of this extension will expire in July 1905, and in March next it is necessary to inform the Government whether any further extension in the deputation of the said officer is contemplated by this State.

Since M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan has hitherto fully maintained the high reputation he had brought with him from the Imperial Government and by his special qualifications has proved himself to be a very useful factor in the administration of the State, I wanted to apply for a long term of his deputation to save a repetition of such prayers, but since it is his personal wish that at present the application may be made for three years only, I request that you may apply for three years' extension. And as you and the Honourable Mr : Bayley have had enough experience of this officer, I think it will be more convenient to have this matter settled before the Honourable Mr : Bayley makes over charge of his office.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
Ruler of Bhopal.

To

MAJOR MANNERS SMITH,

POLITICAL AGENT IN BHOPAL,

Sehore.

AHMADABAD PALACE,
Bhopal, 9th September, 1906.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

As in the course of several extensions granted successively to Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan I have gained sufficient experience of his work and found him very useful

to the State in every respect, I have made up my mind to apply for a long period of extension this time, so that I may be saved the trouble of repeatedly making the request.

Therefore without waiting for the last term of his extension to expire I send you the enclosed letter to the address of Major Daly, in which you will find that I have now applied for ten years' extension, and hope you will kindly forward it to the Government with your favourable remarks thereon.

My object in making this application so early is to settle this matter during the regime of the present Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, who was kind enough to lend the Khan Bahadur's services originally to the State, and to agree to subsequent extensions that were applied for thereafter. So I believe that while the present Lieutenant-Governor is in office if any reference will be made to him in this matter, no difficulty will be experienced in getting his consent.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
Ruler of Bhopal.

To

MAJOR S. F. BAYLEY, I. A.

Political Agent in Bhopal,

Sehore.

AHMADABAD PALACE,
Bhopal, 9th September, 1906.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

Following the Government instructions which require the Native States to apply as soon as possible, for extension of the deputation period of Government officers in foreign service, with such conditions as the new engagement is to carry with it I send in this requisition. Khan Bahadur M.

Israr Hasan Khan Judicial Minister's services were lent to this State in the first instance for one year, then for two years, and a third time for three years. During this interval after successive experience of his public career, and his high character for efficiency and integrity, I found him highly useful to the State in every way. He always displayed a marked degree of acumen and ability in the performance of all works entrusted to him. The great progress which one notices at present in the Judicial Department of the State is the result of his arduous labours, and hardly requires any description, since I presume that you yourself are fully aware of it.

Having the above facts in view I have made up my mind to have the Khan Bahadur's services transferred to the State for a tolerably long period and therefore, although the last extension granted to him has not yet expired, I send in this request so that the matter may be settled during the incumbency of the present Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, who had not only primarily lent the Khan Bahadur's services to the State, but has since kindly agreed to two subsequent further extensions applied for by the State. This will save me in future the cumbersome procedure of applying for extensions repeatedly. To my mind the administrative work of the State will then attain a higher degree of efficiency and will be carried on in a still more satisfactory manner.

Wherefore I desire that the services of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan may be transferred to this State for ten years, ending with July 1918, subject to his drawing Rs. 800 as net pay and Rs. 37-8-0 as pension contribution and other emoluments in the shape of free house accommodation, furniture and conveyance, which he is at present allowed by the State, and, when on tour, travelling allowances, tents, and transport carriages at the rate allowed by the Civil Service Regulations.

As the pay of the two Ministers, Revenue and Judicial, here originally stood at Rs. 1,000 each and out of which only Rs. 800 is at present given to the Khan Bahadur, I may further be permitted by the Government to raise his pay to

Rs. 1,000 when it may appear proper to me to do so in the course of extension herein applied for,

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
Ruler of Bhopal.

To

The Honourable,

MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E.,
 Agent Governor-General in Central India.

Indore.

NOTE :— The above is an intervening requisition for an extension for a very long period, made graciously by Her Highness long before the expiry of the extension already granted.

AHMADABAD PALACE,
Bhopal, 10th October, 1906.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I was pleased to hear from your confidential letter No. 130 of 1906, dated the 18th September, 1906, that you have very kindly forwarded my letter regarding the extension of Khan Bahadur Munshi Israr Hasan Khan's deputation to the Honourable the Agent to the Governor-General at Indore.

As His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh is shortly to leave India, and I wish to have the extension of Munshi Israr Hasan Khan sanctioned by His Honour during his administration, I therefore trust that the matter of the said officer's extension has already been referred to the Government of India by the Honourable the Agent to the Governor-General at Indore.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
Ruler of Bhopal.

To

MAJOR S. F. BAYLEY, I. A.,
 Political Agent in Bhopal,
Sehore.

AHMADABAD PALACE,
Bhopal, 22nd December, 1906.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I have received your favour of the 7th instant. It is impossible for me to express my gratitude for the cordial and sincere interest you always evince in the matters connected with my State.

Now as regards the delay which by chance occurred in the matter under reference, in case the new Lieutenant-Governor is your old friend it may prove all the more beneficial, as most probably he will not gainsay your recommendation for extension and thus the motion will be attended with success.

In my opinion when after due experience I have made up my mind to obtain this long extension in the services of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan without waiting further for the present term to expire, it may not be inexpedient to send the proposal on to the Government in due course, so I shall feel much obliged to you if, as per my request contained in my letter of the 9th September 1906, you will send my proposal on to the Government by the end of December, so that it may come up before the new Lieutenant-Governor, and by doing this you will again have the chance of settling the matter verbally at Agra. By adopting this course there is, I believe, every chance of the proposal meeting with approval without any difficulty.

I hope you will agree to act on the line suggested above and oblige me by doing so.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
Ruler of Bhopal, C. I.

AHMADABAD PALACE,
Bhopal, 20th May, 1907.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

From the enclosed letter you will find that I have again addressed Major Daly on the subject of the exten-

sion of the deputation period of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan about which I had formally applied in my letters dated 9th and 11th September 1906 respectively.

Finding you to be as friendly disposed towards me as your predecessors-in-office, I trust that through your help the Khan Bahadur's short deputation to this State which commenced in your predecessor's time will achieve a long ending during your incumbency.

I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will kindly try to secure the Government sanction to this extension at an early date and let me know the result.

Kindly send the enclosed letter on to the Honourable Major Daly and oblige.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
Ruler of Bhopal C. I.

To

MAJOR S. F. BAYLEY, I. A.,
 Political Agent in Bhopal,

Sehore.

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 AHMADABAD PALACE.

Bhopal, 20th May, 1907.

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND,

I owe a heavy debt of gratitude to the Government of India for their kindly lending me, from time to time, the services of some of their able and efficient officers who have proved so useful to the Darbar. Among others I have to make special mention of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan, who has with his untiring zeal and devotion to duty made great improvements in the Judicial Department of the State, as will be seen from the Annual Administration Report of the State which is under publication. He

has not only rendered eminent services to the Durbar, but has also secured the confidence of the Political Officers as well as of the people in general at Bhopal and made himself very popular with all classes of my subject.

Besides the reforms effected in the Judicial Department there has been during the period of his deputation a steady decrease in heinous offences, dacoities have been suppressed and cattle liftings have become a thing of rare occurrence. He is now reorganising the Police to which reference has been made by Major Bayley in his letter No. 18, dated 9th March 1907, and this will add further to the success of his administration.

In view of above facts I sent you two letters on 9th and 11th September 1906 respectively, requesting you to apply for the extension of the Khan Bahadur's period of deputation for 10 years. I had also the pleasure of speaking to you on the subject at Agra, where after explaining to you the reason for applying for such a long extension I had also suggested the idea of applying for 5 years, should you feel doubtful about Government sanctioning very long extension. I have not yet been favoured with a reply though I trust you must have done your best in the matter. I am anxious to have the matter settled as early as possible, as it will be to the satisfaction of the parties concerned, and when the extension is granted to Khan Bahadur he will apply himself all the more diligently to the duties of his office.

Trusting you will spare no pains to help me in this matter.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,

Ruler of Bhopal.

To

The Hon'ble Colonel H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E.,

Agent Governor-General in Central India,

Indore.

AHMADABAD PALACE,

Bhopal, 20th June, 1910.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

It is now 8 years since Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan, Judicial Minister, was first deputed to the Bhopal State. During this time his services have been so invaluable to the Darbar that I applied and obtained the sanction of the Government for his continued employment in this State from time to time.

Having had so much experience of his excellent work I applied to the Government on the 9th September 1906 to secure a loan of his services for a long period, so as to avoid a constant renewal of extensions at short intervals. But the Government granted an extension for only three years and assured that a further extension could be arranged after the expiry of this term.

As the extension is now drawing to a close I shall feel much obliged if you will move the Government to sanction the retention of his services by the Bhopal Darbar for a further period of three years ending in July 1914, subject to his drawing Rs. 1,200 as net pay and Rs. 50 as pension contribution and other emoluments in the shape of free house accommodation, furniture and conveyance, which he is at present allowed by the State, and when on tour, travelling allowances, tents, and transport carriages at the rate allowed by the Civil Service Regulations.

I have ventured to make this request a little early so that the Government might have enough time at their disposal to make their own arrangements and that the matter of this Officer's extension be settled during the time of Colonel Daly who is fully aware of his excellent services.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,

Ruler of Bhopal.

To

P. T. SPENCE, MAJOR,

Political Agent in Bhopal,

Sehore.

AHMADABAD PALACE,
Bhopal, 20th June, 1910.

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND,

The deputation of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan's services to this State is to expire in 1911. I have consequently applied through the Political Agent for a further extension of his services.

I have ventured to make this request a little early so that the Government might have enough time at their disposal to make their own arrangements and that your kindself, being fully aware of his services, would, I hope, recommend strongly for his further extension of three years.

I trust the matter would receive your kind attention when it is communicated to you by the Political Agent.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Your most sincere friend,

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,

Ruler of Bhopal.

To

The Hon'ble Col. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E.,

Agent Governor-General in Central India,

Indore.

SADAR MANZIL,
Bhopal, 26th November, 1913.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

The deputation period of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E.'s services to this State is to expire in July 1914.

In course of several extensions granted successively to Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan I have gained sufficient experience of his work and found him very useful to the State in every respect.

I have therefore made up my mind to retain his services for a longer period and send in this requisition with the hope that you will kindly move the Government of India for the extension of his services to this State for the same period ending July 1917, subject to his drawing the same pay and pension contribution, and other emoluments allowed by the Civil Service Regulations, which he is at present enjoying in the State.

Your most sincere friend,

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,

Ruler of Bhopal.

To

W. S. DAVIS ESQR.,

Political Agent in Bhopal,

Sehore.

SADAR MANZIL, BHOPAL,

12th December, 1916.

My dear friend,

The last extension granted to Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E., Judicial Minister, Bhopal State, terminates in July 1917.

Since during this period also his services have proved as useful to the State as I have repeatedly described in my previous letters, I request you to kindly obtain the Government of India's sanction to another extension of 3 years till July 1920, subject to the conditions under which he is serving here at present.

Your most sincere friend,

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,

Ruler of Bhopal.

To

W. S. DAVIS Esqr.,

Political Agent in Bhopal,

Sehore.

AHMADABAD PALACE,
Bhopal, 2nd January, 1911.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I visited the Exhibition in the last week of December, and was much delighted to find it a most useful institution the people of India have ever had a chance to see. To be brief, my own opinion about it is that it completely fulfills the object contemplated by you in establishing this beneficial institution. I must therefore congratulate you on this success.

I am glad to say that my visit to the Exhibition has, on the whole, been very interesting, but regret that it came on at such a period when you were not there.

During my stay at Allahabad I met with every convenience and comfort through the nice arrangements made by the Local Officials, and owing to the excellent management of my camp there made by my Judicial Minister, K. B. M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, whom I had entrusted with the work, as I always do on occasions which require special managing tact and diligence. At the occasion of the last Coronation Darbar at Delhi his management of my camp there had been very excellent; and he had been awarded a medal. Accordingly for this Coronation Darbar also the work of the arrangement and management of my camp there has been put under him.

I must thank your Government for your kindly lending me the services of such an able, honest, and reliable officer of yours as K. B. Mohomed Israr Hasan Khan, who, I am pleased to say, has, during the past nine years of his services to this State, given me every assistance in the administration of my State, and has to my best satisfaction proved himself to be a very honest and hardworking hand by a creditable discharge of many important duties entrusted to him from time to time.

For these considerations I have now determined that I shall, whenever necessary, ask the Government to extend

his period of deputation in this State from time to time, and so he will have no chance of returning to his post till the period of his retiring from Government service is completed.

You also are well aware, I believe, of the recognitions I have already made of his excellent services to my State, but at the same time it is also my desire to see his services appreciated by the Government, to whose service he really belongs, in the form of giving him a promotion of grade which according to the recent Regulations solely depends upon your choice and selection. M. Israr Hasan Khan's number in the 5th Grade is so very near to the top of the list that, I hope, you will easily see your way to carry out my wish by giving him a promotion of grade which he for his very creditable services rightly deserves.

It has given me great pleasure to learn that you have been elected as President of the Managing Committee for the next Coronation Darbar in Delhi. From what I have heard and seen of your ability and special tact in managing affairs, I am sure of the excellence of the Darbar arrangements under your wise supervision. I for my part do highly appreciate this election.

Hoping you to be in good health.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,

Ruler of Bhopal.

To

The Hon'ble Sir J. P. HEWETT,

Lieutenant-Governor, U. P.

Promotions during the tenure of offices at Bhopal.

Copy of a letter, dated the 5th of June 1904, from Her Highness to Major L. Impey, Political Agent in Bhopal, reviewing on the meritorious services done by Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan and asking sanction for announcing an increment of Rs. 100 in his pay as Naib Nasirul-Muham.



MY DEAR FRIEND,

Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, Officiating Naib Nasirul-Muham, discharged his ordinary duties together with the additional duties entrusted to him, such as those of Nasirul-Muham in charge &c. with great efficiency, conscientiousness and ability. He decided his cases with great quickness and intelligence in the year under review, and all his judgments were upheld in the Court of Appeal. This alone is a sufficient proof of his sound judgment and legal acumen.

No doubt he has maintained the good reputation which he brought with him from the Government and gave unmistakable proofs of it by his eminent services to the State.

The salary attached to this post was Rs. 500, but Israr Hasan Khan was appointed on trial on Rs. 400 per mensem. He has proved himself worthy of this promotion in every way, and the Government also promoted him from the 7th grade to the 6th grade of Deputy Collectors in December 1903.

Taking into consideration his excellent services mentioned above, it is evident that he thoroughly deserved to be made permanent, and I have accordingly raised his salary from 400 to Rs. 500 (which is the pay attached to this post) and made him a permanent Naib Nasirul-Muham. I hope

you will communicate to the Government of United Provinces for their information as usual.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
Ruler of Bhopal.

Extract from a letter, dated the 5th June 1905, from Her Highness, the Begam of Bhopal, to Major H. Daly, Agent to the Governor-General in Central India, recommending the appointment of M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan to the office of Nasirul-Muham (Judicial Minister) on a salary of Rs. 800 per mensem.

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 Khan Bahadur Munshi Nasiruddin, Judicial Minister, having expressed his desire to revert to his substantive appointment, I found it necessary to make some arrangements to fill up the vacancy and to notify my selection to the Government so that no difficulty may arise after his departure.

At present so far as I think Munshi Israr Hasan Khan, Deputy Magistrate, who is serving here as an Assistant Judicial Officer seems fully qualified for the post of Nasirul-Muham. This means his promotion to a higher post which he deserves after his three years' service.

It is also necessary for me to point out that I borrowed the services of Munshi Israr Hasan Khan from the United Provinces Government first for one year, and then for two years, and I have lately secured an extension of his services for three years more. The services which he and his ancestors rendered to the British Government are too well known to require mention. The high position of his family and its loyalty towards the British Government in the dark days of mutiny and its honesty and integrity are generally known and need no comment,

During the last three years I have had sufficient experience of his work to place confidence in his ability. He has also acquired knowledge of customs and usages of the State during this period. It is a proof of his good services that the Honourable Mr : Bayley and Majors Impey and Manners Smith have expressed their satisfaction with his work, which can be gathered from his testimonials. I believe the present Political Agent also approves of his services. Besides this, the public also have full confidence in his administration of justice.

Out of his three years' services in the Bhopal State he has been discharging the duties of Assistant Judicial Minister for two years. He has also officiated for the Nasirul-Muham on several occasions, besides doing his ordinary duties, when the latter officer went on leave. He has also supervised the work of the other courts and raised them to a high standard of efficiency. The Nasirul-Muham has also expressed his approval of his work from time to time.

Besides his claims there are other grounds justifying his appointment to this post. He has gained a large experience during these three years and if a new man is appointed he will take a long time to make himself acquainted with his duties, which will entail a deterioration of work. His appointment is specially necessary at this stage of administration when the Police Department is being reorganised.

I have every confidence in him and no other person will be a fit substitute for him. Besides this he holds the same post of Deputy Collector under the Government as Moulvi Nasiruddin.

In short, in view of his being an Assistant Judicial officer, occasionally officiating for the Nasirul-Muham and giving satisfaction of his work, he has proved himself fully entitled to this post.

I therefore request you to write to the Government that I propose to appoint him to the post of Nasirul-Muham from September 1905, when Munshi Nasiruddin relinquishes charge of his office, on probation for three years ending

July 1908 (the period for which his services have already been borrowed) on a pay of Rs. 800. This recognition of his services will be an encouragement to other officials of the State.

I therefore require your kind assistance in this matter. I hope you will concur with me and represent my views to the British Government, so that there may be no hitch in carrying out the project.

Copy of a letter, dated the 9th September 1906, from Her Highness to Major H. Daly, Agent to Governor-General in Central India, recommending an increase of Rs. 200 per mensem in the pay of M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, Judicial Minister.



MY DEAR FRIEND,

Following the Government instructions which require the Native States to apply as soon as possible, for extension of the deputation period of Government officers in foreign service, with such conditions as the new engagement is to carry with it I send in this requisition. Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan Judicial Minister's services were lent to this State in the first instance for one year, then for two years, and a third time for three years. During this interval after successive experience of his public career, and his high character for efficiency and integrity, I found him highly useful to the State in every way. He always displayed a marked degree of acumen and ability in the performance of all works entrusted to him. The great progress which one notices at present in the Judicial Department of the State is the result of his arduous labours, and hardly requires any description, since I presume that you yourself are fully aware of it.

Having the above facts in view I have made up my mind to have the Khan Bahadur's services transferred to the State

for a tolerably long period and therefore, although the last extension granted to him has not yet expired, I send in this request so that the matter may be settled during the incumbency of the present Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, who had not only primarily lent the Khan Bahadur's services to the State, but has since kindly agreed to two subsequent further extensions applied for by the State. This will save me in future the cumbrous procedure of applying for extensions repeatedly. To my mind the administrative work of the State will then attain a higher degree of efficiency and will be carried on in a still more satisfactory manner.

Wherefore I desire that the services of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan may be transferred to this State for ten years, ending with July 1918, subject to his drawing Rs. 800 as net pay and Rs. 37-8-0 as pension contribution and other emoluments in the shape of free house accommodation, furniture and conveyance, which he is at present allowed by the State, and, when on tour, travelling allowances, tents, and transport carriages at the rate allowed by the Civil Service Regulations.

As the pay of the two Ministers, Revenue and Judicial, here originally stood at Rs. 1,000 each and out of which only Rs. 800 is at present given to the Khan Bahadur, I may further be permitted by the Government to raise his pay to Rs. 1,000 when it may appear proper to me to do so in the course of extension herein applied for,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,

Ruler of Bhopal.

To

The Honourable,

MAJOR H. DALY, C. S. I., C. I. E.,

Agent Governor-General in Central India.

Indore.

Copy of a letter from Her Highness to Major S. F. Bayley, Political Agent in Bhopal, reviewing generally on the meritorious services done by Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan and asking sanction for announcing an increment of Rs. 200 in his pay on the occasion of Her accession anniversary in 1909.



MY DEAR FRIEND,

I am drawing your attention to the following matter and hope you will be in full accord with me in referring it to the Government for favourable orders and oblige me by obtaining Government sanction as soon as possible.

You and Colonel Daly know full well how ably, conscientiously and faithfully Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan, Judicial Minister, has, since his deputation to this State, discharged the duties entrusted to him, and how valuable his services have been to the Darbar. He has proved himself an efficient and capable officer and is held in high esteem not only by me and all the Political Officers, but also by the British Government for the many admirable qualities which he possesses. His meritorious services have earned him a well deserved recognition in the shape of a rapid promotion in this State as well as under the United Provinces Government. But up to this time he is getting Rs. 200 less than the full pay of his post.

There are two Ministers in this State, one of whom is the head of the Judicial and the other of the Revenue Department. Khan Bahadur M. Nasiruddin, a retired Deputy Collector of Bengal is the Revenue Minister and draws Rs. 1,200 a month, and Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan, who is the Judicial Minister, gets only. Rs. 1,000 a month. The budget allotment for both these posts is Rs. 2,500 a month, and I had been intending to reward M. Israr Hasan

Khan's services by giving him an increment of Rs. 200, when he captured the notorious outlaw, Abdul Aziz Khan, who had just then committed dacoity and murder at the Agency House and who was standing with a loaded gun in his hand to shoot any one who might come accross his path. It was an act of heroism for which I thought fit to reward him by making up for this deficiency in his pay. But I postponed my intention as I considered the beginning of the new session a more fitting occasion for this purpose. Recently in addition to his long record of excellent work M. Israr Hasan Khan has rendered a most remarkable service to this State which will always be memorable in its History. This impelled me to apply at once to the Government through the kind intervention of yourself and the Honourable Colonel Daly for permission to make up for this deficiency in his salary. On 21st March it was discovered that a sum of about three lacs in gold sovereigns had been stolen from the State Treasury. I communicated this news to M. Israr Hasan Khan, whose experience in such matters is very large and extensive, and asked him to spare no pains to trace the offenders. He applied himself to this task with the most indefatigable energy and took the investigation personally in hand. Within eight hours of the matter being brought to his notice he captured the offenders who confessed their guilt, and out of two lacs and eighty-six thousands worth of stolen sovereigns recovered two lacs and forty-one thousands hard cash. The balance is also expected to be recovered shortly. There could be no stronger evidence of M. Israr Hasan Khan's ability than to achieve this unique success in recovering such a large amount of stolen property consisting of nothing but money in such a short time. In recognition of this service as well as his other services I consider it imperative to make an increment of Rs. 200 in his pay, which will not only be an encouragement to him but have a most useful effect from the administrative point of view.

I trust that you and Colonel Daly agree with me in representing this matter to the Government with your favourable remarks and obtaining the requisite sanction. I wish to announce this increment in his salary on the occasion of my accession anniversary, and hope you will allow me

to do so in anticipation of receiving the sanction even if it may not arrive by that time.

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MAJOR S. F. BAYLEY, I. A.

Political Agent in Bhopal.

NOTE.— Her Highness, the Ruler of Bhopal, was very graciously pleased to grant the above copies to the Khan Bahadur to be kept with him as record.

Extracts from Gauhar-e-Iqbal.

Extract from the Remarks made by Her Highness in connection with the introduction of Settlement Schemes into the State.

I had a mind to introduce settlement Schemes into my State, and the old and experienced servants of the State were at one with me in my ideas. I also asked M. Israr Hasan Khan, who had the experience of Settlement work in those days, to express his opinion in the matter and he fully concurred in my views stating that circumstances of the case did require settlement for a short period, in the first instance, as it would remove the long felt necessity and clear the way for a settlement for longer period.

Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan was at that time here to convey his condolence (on the death of the late Nawab Ihtashamul-Mulk). The excellent services rendered by him during his previous connections with the State, coupled with the good opinion formed of him by the late Hon'ble Nawab Ihtashamul-Mulk, persuaded me to select him for the work (of settlement), which required the services of a trustworthy and conscientious officer. I also consulted Col: Ward about him and he too endorsed my opinion, entertaining high ideas about the gentleman. Necessary steps for the loan of his services were, therefore, taken up and the Government sanction having been received, he was called here and entrusted, at the outset, with the duties of the Collection of the Arrears of Revenue on the 1st of Rabius-Sani, 1320 H.

Extract from the Remarks made by Her Highness regarding the Reforms introduced into the Judicial Department.

For the post of Naib Nasirul-Muham I selected M. Israr Hasan Khan, who had already served here as a Muntazim

Police during the regime of the late Sarkar, and had, as such, gained thorough insight into the condition of the people at large. He had for the last two years been entrusted with the duties of the Collection of Arrears of Revenue, which he discharged with assiduity and efficiency. He also delivered able and noteworthy judgments in his capacity as a member of the Ijlás Mushtarka (Privy Council) and maintained good and high reputations in the Government service as a Tahsildar and Deputy Collector. These events helped to form him, in my opinion, a fit and proper officer for the vacancy and he was consequently appointed the Naib Nasirul-Muham on an increased salary of Rs. 400 p. m. with effect from the 25th Rabiul-Awal, 1321 H.

Extract from the Remarks made by Her Highness on the celebration of the 5th year of Her Coronation Ceremony.

M. Nasiruddin Ahmad (Judicial Minister) having expressed his desire to revert to his Government services, I thought of appointing a capable, clever and efficient officer in his place. M. Israr Hasan Khan, Naib Nasirul-Muham, who had already served the State for the last three years and had acquired promotion because of his assiduous and conscientious discharge of the duties connected with the Collection of Arrears of Revenue, acquitted himself very creditably in introducing valuable reforms, exercising vigilant watch over the work of the subordinate courts, and constantly helping the Nasirul-Muham, who did, on various occasions, acknowledge the fact verbally as well as in writing. In short the said gentleman had, by dint of his natural tact and high qualifications, given ample proof of the fact that he kept at heart the progress and prosperity of the State and was a devoted well-wisher and loyal servant of his employer.

To contribute to the above, the high position of his family and its steadfast and loyal devotion to the British Government during the dark days of the Mutiny as well as his well established integrity spoke favourably of him.

I therefore thought it much more proper and expedient to promote him to the post than to call a new hand from outside.

If the latter course had to be adopted and a new man were to be asked for, he would have taken much time to gain sufficient experience of State affairs before proving himself to be of any material help to me. M. Israr Hasan Khan did not lack such experience, having acquired thorough insight into the State business and taken a prominent part in the various schemes of reforms introduced into the Judicial and Police Departments. For the above reasons I raised him to the rank of Nasirul-Muham on a salary of Rs. 800/- P. M. and he took over charge of his new office on the 16th of September 1905, corresponding to the 15th of Rajab, 1323 Hijri.

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*Extract from the remarks made by Her Highness,
narrating the Marriage Ceremony of Prince
Major Haji Hamidullah Khan, B. A. (the
youngest son and Chief Secretary
to Her Highness.)*

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M. Israr Hasan Khan was entrusted with the duties of the management of the marriage ceremonial affairs which he executed with great aptitude and integrity, deserving of my praise for his energetic and approved labour. To satisfy his ambition he was, with the previous sanction of the Government of India, accorded in G. O. No. ³⁶⁰² ₁₉₆₈, dated the 17th of August 1906, granted a 'Khelat' worth Rs. 1,000 as a befitting recognition of his excellent services.

Political Officers' Remarks.

Extract from the opinion expressed by Major L. Impey, Political Agent in Bhopal, on the 8th June, 1904.

I should be sorry to leave without expressing a hope that we may meet again. I should also like to inform you that so far I have been able to see, your work in Bhopal has thoroughly justified Her Highness's selection of you.

Extract from the opinion expressed by the Hon'ble C. S. Bayley, late Agent to Governor-General in Central India, on the 24th February 1905.

M. Israr Hasan Khan, who had been in service of the Bhopal Darbar in the time of Her Highness, the Shahjahan Begam, and had subsequently reverted to his permanent post in British India, was again lent to the Darbar at the request of Her Highness, the Sultan Jahan Begam, in July 1902. His work has earned the approval of Her Highness, who appointed him Naib Nasirul-Muham and has since, with the sanction of the Government of India, raised his pay, and has applied for an extension of his services.

From all that I have seen and heard of his work I have every reason to believe that M. Israr Hasan Khan has fully merited Her Highness's good opinion, by his good work and integrity. I may add that he is a polished gentleman of

good manners with whom it is pleasure to associate. I shall always be glad to hear of his continued advancement.

*Extract from the opinion expressed by Major C. Pritchard,
Political Agent in Bhopal, on the 1st August 1905.*

During the four months I have held charge of the Bhopal Agency I have found M. Israr Hasan Khan, Assistant Judicial Minister, Bhopal, most courteous and pleasant in all matters in which I have been in contact with him. For a portion of time he acted as the Judicial Minister and I understand that he did the work to the satisfaction of Her Highness, the Begam Saheba. I think that Her Highness has in M. Israr Hasan Khan a *good, loyal, and able officer.*

INDORE,

Central India,

25th November, 1905.

My dear Israr Hasan Khan,

I send you these few lines on leaving Bhopal to thank you for your invariable courtesy and help during my short tenure of the Bhopal Agency. It is a great relief to know that in official matters one has an absolutely reliable officer into whose hands questions are passing and from whom one knows that a valuable and straightforward reply to these questions will be received. This feeling of *absolute confidence* must exist with any one dealing with you. Outside official matters, it is pleasant to have *so sociable a friend to meet.* May I add that both Mrs. Luard and myself have the pleasantest recollections of Bhopal, the pleasantness being

due to the genuine kindness and courtesy we always met with on all sides and from every one.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd). C. E. LUARD,

(*Political Agent.*)

BHARATPUR AGENCY,

Rajputana,

15th April, 1906.

My dear Israr Hasan Khan,

Your family has been known to, and highly thought of for many years and I may now say generations, by various members of my family.

During the time I was Political Agent in Bhopal, I always held the highest confidence in your integrity and good faith, and formed a high opinion of the nature and quality of your work ; whilst in official and private relations I have always found you *a reliable man and a good friend.*

With kindest regards to yourself,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. COLVIN,

(*Political Agent.*)

THE RESIDENCY,

Hyderabad Deccan,

23rd April, 1906.

My dear sir,

I was very pleased to receive your letter this evening and to see the exceedingly good report of your work recorded by the Nasirul-Muham. From all that I could judge myself

and heard of you from Major Impey and Major Manners Smith, I have no doubt that you have fully earned the praise bestowed and I trust that you will continue in the future to work as you have done in the past.

With all good wishes,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) C. S. BAYLEY.

(Resident.)

Bombay, 20th April, 1910.

DEAR SIR,

It gives me great pleasure to be able to put on record the extremely pleasant relations which have always existed between you and myself and Mrs. Bayley, while I held the post of Political Agent in Bhopal from March 1906 to April 1910. I had good fortune on my arrival at Bhopal in 1906 to be introduced to you by my predecessor Col. Colvin, between whose family and yours there has been close friendship for many years, I believe ever since 1857 when Col. Colvin's grandfather was Lieutenant-Governor of Agra, and various members of your family were showing conspicuous loyalty and giving valuable aid to the British Government. Col. Colvin then told me that I should always find you a true friend and one who could be relied on for information and advice in confidential matters touching the Bhopal State. My four years' experience has shown me that his recommendations were by no means exaggerated.

Your personal friendship, hospitality, and assistance have been of the very greatest value to Mrs. Bayley and myself and I have always found that in official matters, especially in those of a confidential nature, though you loyally supported the interest of the Bhopal Darbar, you could be relied on to let me know the real facts and to give sound advice. Your work, as head of the Bhopal State Police, has been most successful. The excellence of the Police arrangement during the Viceregal visit in 1909 was specially

remarked on by the Police Officers who came on duty to Bhopal on that occasion, and the smart turn-out of the State Police, specially that of the Armed Reserve and the Mounted Police, was most creditable to the State and to yourself. I myself employed, through the kindness of H. H. the Begam, a guard of the Armed Reserve Police (which is your own special creation, raised and organised after my first arrival at Bhopal) during my last cold weather tour and I found them quite as smart as the usual Military guard, and on many ways more useful in that being more numerous they provided more sentries by day as well as by night.

Of your Judicial work I have had less opportunity to personally judge, but its high character is evident from the State Administration Reports. I consider that Her Highness the Begam *is no less lucky in having such a Minister as yourself than you are in serving under so good a Chief*, and I trust that the connection between you and Her Highness may be long maintained on the same footing of mutual esteem as at present.

Before closing this letter I should like to add that Mrs. Bayley looks back on her visits to your wife and daughters as among the happiest moments of her stay in Bhopal.

Yours sincerely,
 (Sd.) S. F. BAYLEY, I. A., Col.
(Political Agent.)

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 BANGALORE
 14th September, 1910.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR SAHAB,

I am much obliged to you for your kind letter of 15th August. You know how fully I recognise the excellent work which you have done in Bhopal and how glad I am to know that your services are so highly appreciated by Her Highness the Begam Sahaba.

Believe me,
 With every good wish,
 Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) H. DALY, Col.,
(Agent to Governor-General.)

BHOPAL,

25th March, 1912.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR,

I cannot leave the Bhopal Agency without sending you a few lines to thank you most cordially for the very willing and loyal assistance which you have invariably given to me in the discharge of my duties.

The confidence which is reposed in you by Her Highness the Begam Sahaba enables you to offer the Political Agent, accredited to Her Highness' Darbar, opinions which are both valuable and useful. I have found you consistently loyal to Her Highness as well as to Government and I cannot speak too highly of the work which you have done during the two years which I have passed in this Agency. I shall always look back upon those two years as very pleasant ones and I offer you my best thanks for the consistently courteous, loyal and willing way in which you have helped me.

With every good wish for your future,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) P. T. A. SPENCE, COLONEL,

(Political Agent in Bhopal.)

INDORE,

27th April, 1913.

MY DEAR KHAN SAHAB,

Before leaving Indore I must send you a line to say good-bye. It has been a great pleasure to me to see the excellent work you have done and are doing in the Bhopal State as it reflects credit not only on yourself but on the British Government which put your services at the disposal of Her Highness 12 years ago. Her Highness has not failed to show her appreciation of the services

you have rendered in more ways than one, and in creating you a Companion of the Indian Empire last year, the Government showed its recognition not only of your own services to the State and of your position as a distinguished member of the old and loyal family in British India, but also of Her Highness' wise administration.

Wishing you still greater success and distinction,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. F. O'DWYER,

(*Agent to Governor-General in Central India.*)

BHOPAL AGENCY,

Sehore.

31st October, 1916.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR SAHAB,

It is with great regret that I write to wish you good-bye. I have been in this Agency but a short time, but it has been long enough to convince me that Her Highness has *no better adviser than you* and I trust that you will remain for many years in your office in the State, *an outward and visible sign of the acumen and knowledge of affairs displayed by Her Highness when she selected you for it.*

I should like to assure you of the pleasure which I have always derived from your society and I trust that we may often meet again.

Believe me to be,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) F. MACDONALD.

(*Political Agent.*)

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Government Officers' Letters.

Extract from the Government Officers' letters of approbation received during the Bhopal service.

ALLAHABAD,
4th September, 1903.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very glad to hear of your continued prosperity and to learn that you are maintaining your reputation.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) P. HARRISON,

(*Collector and Magistrate.*)

ASSEMBLY COTTAGE,
NAINI-TAL,
9th September 1903.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN,

I was very pleased to hear how well you were getting on, and of the honours that had been bestowed upon you by Her Highness the Begam.

With kind regards, believe me,

Your truly,

(Sd.) P. TOULMIN,

(*Assistant Inspector-General of Police.*)

C/O MRS. L. PORTER,

Dalhousi Villa,

NAINI-TAL,

10th September 1903.

MY DEAR KHAN SAHEB,

I was very pleased to hear from you, and to learn that you are enjoying health and prosperity. You are I know surrounded by many difficulties in Bhopal, but you have recognised the truth that the best weapons for encountering such difficulties are honesty and devotion to duty, and that recognition should keep you safe.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) W. A. W. LAST,

(*Magistrate and Collector.*)

M. MAGDALA CRESCENT,

Edinburgh,

20th September, 1903.

DEAR KHAN SAHAB,

I am glad to learn that you have been doing good service in your State, and have received your Ruler's mark of approbation. I trust that you will always continue to merit that.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. R. REID,

(*Late Member Board of Revenue United Provinces.*)

GLENMARA,

Arthur Road,

Wimbledon Park, S. W.

23rd September 1903.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very glad to hear of your welfare, and to hear that Her Highness, the Begam of Bhopal, appreciated your

work and had rewarded your service to the State. I hope that you will continue to do well, and to maintain the honourable reputation which you and your family have earned under the British Government.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

BERKELEY AVENUE READING.

24th September, 1903.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was glad to know that you have been doing justice to my recommendations. It is very satisfactory that Her Highness the Begam is pleased with your work and that she has given you the appointment of Naib Wazir. I hope that you will go on and prosper, and continue to deserve the good opinion of Her Highness the Begam.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD.

(*Late Commissioner Northern India,
Salt Revenue.*)

BERKELEY AVENUE READING,

London.

14th January, 1904,

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It has been a real pleasure to me to hear from various sources that you are doing justice to my recommendations and doing good and honest service for the Bhopal State. I trust that you may continue in that good way, and keep those good opinions that your superiors have recorded of you on so many occasions.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD.

(*Late Commissioner Northern India,
Salt Revenue.*)

GLENMARA,
Arthur Road,
WIMBLEDON PARK, S. W.

31st January, 1904

MY DEAR SIR,

I was glad to hear of your welfare, and to learn that your work at Bhopal had been appreciated by the authorities.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

11 MAGDALA CRESCENT,
EDINBURGH,
Scotland.

31st March, 1904.

MY DEAR KHAN SAHEB,

I duly received your kind letter and good wishes, dated January 1, 1904, and was glad to learn that you were well and gaining approbation of the Begam. You will I hope continue to advance and add to your reputation.

I am,
Yours truly,
(Sd.) J. R. REID.

(*Late Member, Board of Revenue, United Provinces.*)

AGRA,
14th June, 1904.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was pleased to hear your services had been esteemed and appreciated in a practical way. I am sure it will be a great encouragement to you to 'follow up' and continue to play the game as it should be.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) F. W. BROWNRIGG.
(*Commissioner.*)

NAINI-TAL.

15th June, 1904.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am pleased to hear that you are making your mark in Bhopal and that Her Highness the Begam has expressed her satisfaction at your good work.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) J. M. HOLMES.

(Secretary to Government, United Provinces.)

Government House,

NAINI-TAL.

18th June, 1904.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am desired to say that His Honour is very pleased to know that you are working well and gaining the approval of those with whom you work.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) H. G. S. TYLER, I. C. S.

(Private Secretary to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,
United Provinces.)

NAINI-TAL.

18th June, 1904.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very glad indeed to hear of your promotion. Your testimonials shew that you are keeping up the high

and honourable traditions of your family. I can not say more.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. BUTLER.

(Secretary to the Government, United Provinces.)

ABERFOYLE,

Naini-Tal.

21st June, 1904.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was pleased to receive your letter which shews me that Her Highness the Begam is satisfied with your services, and has recognised them by giving you maximum pay of the post. I hope this is only the beginning of promotion for you in the State, and that you will rise still further.

With my best wishes,

Believe me,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) R. G. HARDY.

(Late Commissioner, Rohilkhand Division.)

ALLAHABAD.

26th June, 1904.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very pleased to hear the accounts of your continued prosperity in Bhopal and I congratulate you on the favour you have obtained from Her Highness.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) P. HARRISON.

(Magistrate and Collector

LONG ACRE SHAMLEY GREEN,

Surrey.

22nd May, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am glad to get your letter from Bhopal, of the 5th of this month. I hope it will not be long before the title is conferred on you. I am very pleased to know that Her Highness the Begam appreciates your services.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. H. T. CROSTHWAITE.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

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BERKELEY AVENUE READING.26th May, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to get your letter of May 5th, and to see from its enclosures that you were standing so well in the opinion of Her Highness the Begam and of the Political Officers. It is a satisfaction to me for I always look on you as one of the best of my "avurdas." I am glad that Her Highness has obtained an extension of three years in your deputation to Bhopal. It shews that she has a high opinion of you.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD.

(Late Commissioner Northern India, Salt Revenue.)

ALLAHABAD,

14th June, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am glad to hear of your giving such satisfaction to Her Highness the Begam, and the latter's practical way of shewing it. Accept my congratulation.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) H. N. WRIGHT.

(Registrar, High Court, Allahabad.)

Viceregal Lodge,

Simla.

15th June, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very glad to hear of your continued advancement and of the high praise that has been passed on your works and I have every confidence that you will continue to serve your present Ruler honestly and straight-forwardly and that you will avoid the dangers of intrigue, which one is led to believe, is always the great stumbling block in Native State's service.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

(Secretary to the Government of India.)

NAINI-TAL,

15th June, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very pleased to hear that your services are so well appreciated by the Bhopal State, and I congratulate you sincerely.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. G. HARDY.

(Commissioner, Rohilkhand Division.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Naini-Tal.

15th July, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am desired to say that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor is very glad to hear that you continue to win the good opinion of those under whom you are serving.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) H. G. S. TYLER, I. C. S.,

Private Secretary.

KOLAR.

2nd August, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of 22nd July, which I have received while on tour. I am very glad to receive a copy of Her Highness' remarks made in reviewing the last Administration Report of the Judicial Department of the Bhopal State, and of Mr. Bayley's opinion of your work. I am very glad to hear of your extension and of your approaching promotion.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. P. HEWETT.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

REVENTSFORD, NORTHAM.

N. Devon.

8th September, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was glad to receive your letter of the 5th May and to hear of your welfare, and that your work in Bhopal

has been so much appreciated, and I hope that in time you will receive from Government the distinction which you desire.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

INDORE.

23rd October, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to see that Her Highness the Begam had expressed so warm an appreciation of your work in Bhopal and trust you will continue to earn commendation.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) L. W. REYNOLDS.

(*First Assistant to Agent Governor-General in Central India.*)

THE RESIDENCY,

BARODA.

8th September, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was glad to read the favourable comment of H. H., the Begam Sahibah, on your work as Judicial Minister Bhopal, and I wish you further success and promotion.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) C. PRITCHARD.

(*Political Agent.*)

INDORE.

10th September, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very glad to hear that your department has done well and has been favourably noticed by Her Highness.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. J. HOARE.

(Settlement Officer.)

53, RAGLAN ROAD,

Dublin.

20th May, 1915.

MY DEAR SIR,

Pray accept my good wishes for yourself and for the work you are doing in the Bhopal State.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) J. D. LA TOUCHE.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

B

Appointment to the post of Judicial Minister.

Extracts from congratulatory letters received on promotion to the Office of Judicial Minister, Bhopal State.

NEPAL,

7th August, 1905,

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

In her last letter to me Her Highness informed me of the approaching departure from Bhopal of Khan Bahadur Nasiruddin Khan and of her intention to appoint you to succeed him. Allow me to congratulate you very sincerely on this fresh sign of Her Highness' confidence and good will, which, as you know, I believe you to thoroughly deserve.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. M. SMITH.

(Resident.)

JUBBULPUR.

18th September, 1905,

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I congratulate you most sincerely on the news announced in the Pioneer that you have been appointed Judicial Minister in Bhopal. In this responsible post you may be able to do much for the welfare of the large State you are employed in, and if you bring to bear on your work the same honesty of purpose and energy that you have displayed hitherto I have no doubt that further success will attend your career.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

(Secretary to Government of India.)

NAINI-TAL.

18th September, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Allow me to congratulate you on your appointment as Judicial Minister of the Bhopal State, which you foreshadowed when you came to see me.

It is satisfactory to find the men of our Province doing well elsewhere.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. M. HOLMES.

(Chief Secretary to Government, United Provinces.)

MUZAFFARNAGAR.

21st September, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very glad to hear of your promotion to be Judicial Minister of Bhopal. You are fortunate in serving in State where promotion is the reward of good work and not of intrigue.

I do not doubt that you will continue to deserve and to receive the favour of Her Highness the Begam.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) F. D. SIMPSON.

(Joint Magistrate.)

NAINI-TAL.

24th September, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very pleased indeed to read of your promotion in the Pioneer, and feel certain Her Highness, the Begam

of Bhopal, could not have made a better choice. I wish you all luck in your new post.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) P. TOULMIN.

(Assistant Inspector-General of Police.)

LONDON,
18. Queen's Gate, S. W.

26th October, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I congratulate you on your appointment to the office of Judicial Minister in the State of Bhopal; and I am sure that you will spare no pains to justify the confidence which has been thus placed in you by Her Highness, the Begam of Bhopal.

Yours very faithfully,
(Sd.) A. C. LYALL.
(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

SIMLA,

The 2nd November, 1905.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have a pleasant recollection of your interview with me last year and am glad to hear that you have lately been appointed a Judicial Minister in the Bhopal State, in which appointment, I have no doubt, your past experience will stand you in good stead.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) L. W. DANE.

(Secretary to Government of India, Foreign Department.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAGPUR.

7th November, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am sorry to have missed the chance of seeing you, but we shall no doubt be passing through Bhopal some time or other, when I shall be able to congratulate the Judicial Minister on his promotion.

Mrs. Miller is much obliged to you for your good wishes and joins with me in hoping that you will have every success in your present high post.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

(Secretary to the Government of India.)

99 ASHBY GARDENS,

LONDON.

11th November, 1905.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was glad to get your letter of the 5th October, and to hear that you are now Judicial Minister of the Bhopal State, and I wish you all success and honour in the post, and I feel sure that you will justify Her Highness's selection. I am very glad to hear this good news about you and to understand that you and your family are well.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. PRITCHARD.

(Political Agent.)

ARCADIA,

Simla, the 13th August, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is a great pleasure, on returning to India, to hear

from you again ; and I am extremely glad to know that the Begum continues to value your work in Bhopal.

Her Highness's testimonial and Colonel Colvin's letter leave no doubt whatever that your reputation is as deservedly high as it has always been ; and I am not surprised to learn that you have been promoted to the distinguished post of Judicial Minister. Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. S. MESTON.

(*Financial Secretary to Government of India.*)

FINGASK.

SIMLA.

30th July.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It gives me, as you suppose, much pleasure to hear of your promotion and of the good opinion formed of your work in Bhopal. You will, I have no doubt, continue to act up to your reputation, and to follow in Bhopal the same straightforward career that you have pursued hitherto. It will always give me much pleasure to hear of your advancement.

Very truly yours,

(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

(*Secretary to Government of India.*)

Long Acre Shamley Green,

GUILDFORD,

Surrey.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am glad to hear from you and to know that you are well and have obtained promotion, and I hope you will have a prosperous career in Bhopal.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. H. T. CROSTHWAITE,

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)



Bestowal of the title of Khan Bahadur.

Copy of a letter from Her Highness to the Honourable C. S. Bayley, Agent to Governor-General in C. I., recommending Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan for Khan Bahadurship in recognition of the appreciable services rendered by him to the State and highly commending on the antecedents of his family. This copy Her Highness had been pleased to grant to Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan after the announcement of his Khan Bahadurship to act as a testimonial.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I shall esteem it a special favour if you will kindly draw the attention of our benevolent Government to the invaluable services of M. Israr Hasan Khan, of the Oudh Provincial service, who was deputed to the Bhopal State, a little more than two years ago and move the Government of India in strong terms to confer on him the well deserved title of "Khan Bahadur" in recognition of all the appreciable services which the officer in question has rendered to the State, in the administration of its different Departments, and in the general management of its affairs, notably among them being the arrangements made in connection with plague and the Delhi Darbar.

I may state here for your information that when it struck me to reward M. Israr Hasan Khan for his thorough discharge of all the multifarious functions of the State, I made it a point that before I trouble you with a proposal of the kind, I should take every care to find out the antecedents of the said officer as well as the characteristics of his family and their private means. From enquiries on these points I have been able to ascertain that M. Israr Hasan Khan is a member of a well known family, which owns a hereditary estate and the members whereof are all held in high esteem

by the Government and have held high position under it, and most prominent among them was his father, Khan Bahadur Maulvi Kasim Hasan Khan, who having honourably served the Government for about 42 years breathed his last. In the Mutiny of 1857 this gentleman stuck to the Government at the risk of his life, and in fact sacrificed his two brothers at the hands of the rebels, who not only plundered all his household property, but set fire to the house itself and killed his aforesaid brothers. The house is still known by the name of "Jalikothi." These facts are well known to most of the Government Officers, and are particularly referred to in the writings of Mr. C. P. Carmicheal and Mr. W. T. Church, which I got read to me and copies whereof are hereto attached.

They further lead me to infer that for all these highly creditable services the old man never looked up to the Government for any compensation and the officers in question therefore expressed a desire to see his sons benefitted at the hands of the Government. Moreover I find that beside the father three other members of M. Israr Hasan Khan's family were honoured with the title of "Khan Bahadur" and a fourth one with the title of "Wala Qadar Khan Bahadur" for their own meritorious services. All of them save one have died.

M. Israr Hasan Khan has also personally served the Government for about 14 years, and in the course of his official career has amply proved that he is *an able and faithful son of an able and faithful father*. Since all his superior officers have testified to his highly moral and praiseworthy character.

In one of his latest credentials I find Mr. Bruce noticing such a trait in his character as to use his own words : "Bids fair in turn to equal if not exceed the reputation of his distinguished father."

Moreover during the Famine of 1895 the good services performed by Mr. Israr Hasan Khan, among the whole lot of Deputy Collectors of Oudh, were publicly acknowledged by the Government in its Gazette of 18th December, 1897. And when a riot was imminent on the occasion of Ram Nooni

and Moharram, two rival factious festivals falling on one and the same date, it was due to his administrative tact and capability that the calamity was averted, and the fact was specially noticed by his District Officer.

Mr. Israr Hasan Khan's general behaviour and conduct of business has not only made a favourable impression on my mind, but I fairly infer that Major L. Impey and other officers too including yourself have formed a good opinion of him.

For the reasons stated above, when it has been established beyond doubt that he is the son of a father, whose loyalty to the British Government is unquestionable and whose family has always been honoured with such distinctions, and that he himself has hitherto maintained a respectable position and has got considerable private means of his own, and moreover has creditably acquitted himself both in the service of the British Government, as a Deputy Collector, and in this State, as Assistant to the Judicial Minister, and as all the high officers of Government are in accord with me that his merits deserve due recognition at our hands, I think I am only doing my duty in submitting this proposal to Government, since he richly deserves the distinction, and if his services had not been transferred to this State I think he might by this time have found some one to plead his cause before the Government.

Under these circumstances I think that if this request of mine is granted by the Government it will not only gratify me personally, but serve as an incentive to the faithful servants of the Government deputed to the Native States, and as a model to the public servants of the State in general in moulding their character. So I have every reason to hope that you and my friend Major Manners Smith will both approve my idea and help me in this matter.

Dated Bhopal,
The 28th November, 1905. } (Sd.) Yours most sincerely,
 To
 The Honourable C. S. BAYLEY,
 Agent to the Governor-General. C. I.

SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,
 Ruler of Bhopal.

Indore.

Extracts from some of the numerous letters and telegrams of congratulations received on the bestowal of the title of 'Khan Bahadur.'

THE RESIDENCY.

Hyderabad Deccan,

3rd January, 1906.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR,

I congratulate you most cordially on the title of Khan Bahadur which, the newspapers that reached me last night announced, has been conferred upon you on New Year's Day. Your good service in the Bhopal State has thoroughly earned the honour and I am exceedingly glad that it has been conferred upon you. My gratification is enhanced by the knowledge that Her Highness will also be greatly pleased at this recognition of your work and character.

I trust that you may enjoy long life and health in which to merit further honours and only regret that I am no longer in Central India to deliver the Sanad to you.

I feel sure that Colonel Ward will be much pleased to hear of your title.

Believe me, with kind regards and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. S. BAYLEY.

(Agent to the Governor-General.)

INDORE, C. I.

3rd January, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

We both unite in sending you our very heartiest congratulations on your new title which has been most thoroughly deserved. May it be the precursor to greater honours in future.

Once more with our best congratulations and good wishes.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) C. E. LUARD.

(Political Agent)

CAMP,
Allahabad.

7th January, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAB HASAN KHAN,

I sincerely congratulate you on your Khan Bahadurship, and hope in time some other members of the family will follow your example.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. G. HARDY.

(Member Board of Revenue, United Provinces.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Lucknow.

9th January, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor desires me to acknowledge your letter and to say that he understands that you have earned your distinction by your good work at Bhopal.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) H. G. TYLER. I. C. S.
(Private Secretary.)

LUCKNOW.

10th January, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAB HASAN KHAN,

Please let me congratulate you on the honour conferred on you. It is a great pleasure to me to see that there

is again a Khan Bahadur in your family and you have earned it by good work.

Yours sincerely,
 (Sd.) E. F. L. WINTER.
(Chief Secretary to Government.)

BAREILLY,
 15th January, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have only just seen in the Gazette that Government have given you the title of Khan Bahadur. Please accept my congratulations upon the honour conferred upon you, with the hope that you may live long to enjoy it.

Yours truly,
 (Sd.) J. S. CAMPBELL.
(Commissioner.)

LUCKNOW.

16th January, 1906.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR SAHIB,

I have not been well or I would have written to you before to congratulate you on your well won honour. Pray accept my congratulations now and best wishes for the new year.

Yours sincerely,
 (Sd.) H. BUTLER.
(Deputy Commissioner.)

JHANSI.

28th January, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAB HASAN KHAN,

I saw in the newspapers that you had been made a Khan Bahadur, and was very pleased about it.

I congratulate you very heartily on the honour conferred upon you by the Viceroy and trust that you may have still more honours before you.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) A. SABONADIERE.

(District and Sessions Judge.)

HARDOI,

28th January, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very glad to hear that you have received the title of Khan Bahadur, and are thus keeping up the traditions of your family in which I shall always take a great interest.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) H. N. WRIGHT.
(Deputy Commissioner.)

AZAMGARH, UNITED PROVINCES.

29th January, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very pleased to hear that you have received a "Khan Bahadur." I congratulate you on receiving a distinction which you have thoroughly earned.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) S. R. DANIELS.
(District and Sessions Judge.)

CALCUTTA.

30th January, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of January the 17th, and congratulate you on the title of Khan Bahadur having been conferred on you. As you know, I am very interested in your family, so the grant of this honour has been a matter of satisfaction to me.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) J. P. HEWETT.
(Secretary to Government.)

ALLAHABAD.

31st January, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I noticed with pleasure that you had received the title of Khan Bahadur, and I congratulate you on a well-earned distinction.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) JOHN HOOPER.

(Member Board of Revenue, United Provinces.)

CAMP CHIKHALDA.

5th February, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I congratulate you heartily on the title of Khan Bahadur which shows what a high opinion Her Highness has of your services.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. J. HOARE.

(Settlement Officer, Indore.)

MEERUT.

5th February, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

Thanks for your letter announcing that the title of Khan Bahadur has been bestowed on you. Many congratulations to you upon the honour thus conferred upon you and your family.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) H. C. CONYBEARE.

(Commissioner.)

GLENMARA,
Arthur Road,
WIMBLENDON PARK, S. W.

7th February, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very glad to see your name in the New Year's Honours list and congratulate you on the distinction given to you, as a reward and recognition of long and good service.

I remain,
Yours very truly,
(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

4 MIDDLETON STREET,
Calcutta.

7th February, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very pleased indeed to hear that Government has been pleased to confer the title of Khan Bahadur on you. I congratulate you heartily on your well deserved honour.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) L. PORTER.
(*Secretary to Government of India.*)

18. QUEEN'S GATE. S. W.

18th February, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I congratulate you on the title of Khan Bahadur, which has been conferred on you in recognition of your public services, and I trust that you will long enjoy a distinguished

position in the State. It is always a pleasure to see an old friend attain to honours.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) A. C. LYALL.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

BERKELY AVENUE READING.

21st February, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is a very great satisfaction to me to hear that the Government of India has given you the title of Khan Bahadur. Mrs. Ward joins me in offering you our very sincere congratulations.

It is very nice of you to attribute so much of your success to me. And perhaps in the early days of your service I may have been of use to you. But once you started as an E. A. C. in the North Western Provinces you have worked entirely on your own responsibility, and been conspicuous for honest work, and honourable straight-forward action in the various positions that you have held, so you have fully earned your title. I hope that you will go on and prosper. Mr. Bayley the last time he was in England told me how well you were doing in Bhopal, and I am exceedingly glad that Her Highness the Begam is so well satisfied with your work.

With the same good wishes for yourself.

Believe me,

Your sincere friend,

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD.

(Late Commissioner, Narbada Division.)

99, ASHBY GARDERS,
London, S. W.

28th February, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very glad to hear from your letter, dated the 2nd February 1906, that the Government have bestowed on you the title of Khan Bahadur. Please accept my congratulations and felicitations. I hope you may long live to enjoy the title.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) C. PRITCHARD.

(Political Agent.)

LONG ACRE,
Shamley Green,
Surrey.

15th March, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am much pleased to learn that you have been given the title of Khan Bahadur. I congratulate you heartily.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) C. H. T. CROSTHWAITE.
(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

11, MAGDALA CRESCENT,
Edinburgh.

28th August, 1906.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have received your letter of August 10th, 1906, and am glad to know that you continue to receive the confidence and approbation of the Bhopal State. I congra-

tulate you upon the distinction you have gained, and hope that you will still further add to it.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. R. REID.

(*Late Member Board of Revenue.*)

BERKELEY AVENUE READING.

12th September, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was pleased to receive your letter of 10th August. You certainly have done credit to my selection and are a pupil I can well be proud of.

It is very satisfactory to know that Her Highness the Begam is so well satisfied with your work. You seem to have well earned the title of Khan Bahadur. I hope that you may continue to prosper.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) H. C. E. WARD.

(*Late Commissioner, Narbada Division.*)



TELEGRAMS OF CONGRATULATIONS
ON
KHAN BAHADURSHIP.

BHOPAL.

1st January, 1906.

Hearty congratulations on your Khan Bahadurship.

(Sd.) OBAIDULLAH KHAN.

INDORE.

2nd January, 1906.

Please accept my hearty congratulations.

(Sd.) MAJOR DALY.

CALCUTTA.

2nd January, 1906.

Hearty congratulations on your well deserved honour.

(Sd.) MAJOR MANNERS SMITH.

SHAHPUR (BETUL).

3rd January, 1906.

Hearty congratulations on honour conferred on you.

(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

MUKSI.

3rd January, 1906.

Best congratulations.

(Sd.) LUARD.

INDORE.

4th January, 1906.

Hearty congratulations on well deserved honour.

(Sd.) REYNOLDS.

LUCKNOW.

3rd January, 1906.

Hearty congratulations for title.

(Sd.) RAJA TASUDDUQ RASUL.

SIPRI.

4th January, 1906.

My hearty congratulations on the new honour.

(Sd.) GWALIOR SCINDHIA.

ALIGARH.

4th January, 1906.

Accept my cordial congratulations for the honours conferred.

(Sd.) MUZAMILULLAH KHAN.

PATIALA.

4th January, 1906.

My hearty congratulations.

(Sd.) ABDUL MAJID KHAN.



Increments in Salary.

Letters of congratulations received on the occasion of increments in salary etc.

—
GLENMARA,

ARTHUR ROAD,

Wimbledon Park, S. W.

6th November, 1908.

DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to hear of the increase to your salary which is always acceptable from a pecuniary point of view and is moreover a proof that your work is appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

—
11, MAGDALA CRESCENT,

Edinburgh.

21st November, 1908.

DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I have to thank you for your letters dated November 2nd and November 4th : the first in which you give expression to your loyalty to the British Government, the second in which you tell me of your advancement in the approbation of the Begam of Bhopal, with the substantial increase of your salary. I hope that there are many families in Northern India which emulate yours in its fidelity to the British Crown and its representatives throughout India, and that you your-

self may go on to prosper in reputation and emoluments in the public service, whether in the Native State of Bhopal, or in British India.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) J. R. REID.

(*Late Member Board of Revenue, United Provinces.*)

13, HARRINGTON STREET,

Calcutta, 28th November, 1908.

DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is a great pleasure to hear that your work has been so highly appreciated by Her Highness, the Begam of Bhopal, and that it has been rewarded by a substantial increase in pay. I shall look forward to hearing continually of your success and high reputation, and shall always remain,

Your sincere friend,
(Sd.) J. S. MESTON.

(*Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department.*)

HOLLAND HOUSE,

LANSDOWNE ROAD,

Cheltenham.

27th May, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is always a pleasure to me to receive a letter from you, especially to receive your last, in which Her Highness the Begam's note is enclosed, referring to the excellent work you have done in Bhopal, and granting you a substantial increase in salary. I sincerely congratulate you.

Believe me,
(Sd.) R. G. HARDY.
(*Late Member Board of Revenue.*)

THE MYTHE,
SIMLA.

9th July, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am glad to hear of your further advancement,, and of the very cordial acknowledgment by Her Highness of the value of the work you have done for the State. You must now occupy a very onerous and responsible position, and I wish you all success in the work that still lies before you.

I had not heard before of the Abdul Aziz case, in which you captured an armed dacoit ; I congratulate you on your pluck and skill.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

(Secretary to Government of India.)

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE,
PALL MALL, S. W.

25th July, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN SAHIB,

I thank you for your letter of 9th instant received today and I hasten to congratulate you most warmly on behalf of my wife and myself upon your promotion. I am sure you have well deserved the confidence which Her Highness places in you and we are very glad to hear of your advancement.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) DREK KEPPEL.

(Equerry to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.)

27, GLEDHOW GARDENS,
SOUTH KENSINGTON.

26th July, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It gives me very great pleasure to hear of your advancement and to see from her resolution, how highly Her Highness the Begam appreciates your services.

I am sure they have been of the greatest value to her and the State.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) F. L. PETRE.

(Assistant to the Agent Governor-General, in Central India.)

—
GOMBERMERE ABBEY,
White Church,
Salop.

27th July, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very pleased indeed to see your letter and congratulate you heartily on your promotion and increase of pay which from all accounts you seem to have thoroughly deserved.

Believe me,
Yours very truly,

(Sd.) CRICHTON, (CAPTAIN VISCOUNT.)

(Royal Horse Guard Equerry to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.)

—
LONDON,
18. Queen's Gate. S. W.
30th July, 1909.

MY DEAR SARDAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very glad to hear that you have obtained promotion, and that Her Highness, the Ruler of Bhopal, is entirely satisfied by the ability and integrity which you have shown in her service. You may be sure that this is very interesting to me who have known you so long.

I hope you may live long to administer the affairs of Bhopal under the rule of Her Highness.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) A. C. LYALL.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

LONG ACRE,
Shamley Green,
Surrey.

31st July, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am glad to get your letter of the month of July and it is a pleasure to hear of your promotion and of the great services you have been able to render to the Bhopal State. Her Highness' acknowledgment of your services must be most gratifying to you as they are to me and to all your friends.

Wishing you continued success.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. H. T. CROSTHWAITE.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces).

NANI-TAL.

1st August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to hear of your promotion and more particularly of the services to Her Highness which have deserved it. Please accept my congratulations.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) P. HARRISON.

(Secretary to the Board of Revenue, United Provinces.)

SITAPUR.

1st August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was indeed very pleased to hear of your splendid services in Bhopal. You do indeed deserve the promotion

you have got, considering what you have done for the State.
Accept my best congratulations.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) P. TOULMIN.
(*District Superintendent of Police*).

KUNKUR KOTHI,
Lucknow.

2nd August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I must congratulate you on your advancement of which I am very glad to hear. And it must add to your own pleasure to feel that it has been granted by a Ruler from whom nothing of the sort could be hoped except in return for really honest endeavour and good service. The two matters specially referred to in Her Highness' orders are such as distinguish the careers of few and each in its way will always be a subject of pride to you.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) H. WARBURTON.
(*District and Sessions Judge*).

BHOPAL.
2nd August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

My heartiest congratulations on your well earned increase of pay which Her Highness has been so kind as to grant you. I am sure it has been most thoroughly earned.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) D. PITCHER.
(*Assistant Inspecting Officer*.)

CIRCUIT HOUSE,
Benares.

4th August, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am glad to hear that you are doing so well in Bhopal. I hope you will obtain further advancement there.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) L. PORTER.

(*Member of the Board of Revenue, United Provinces.*)

MORADABAD, UNITED PROVINCES.

4th August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I have much pleasure in congratulating you on your rise in salary and on the handsome compliment to your success which you have received from Her Highness the Begam. You have fully deserved your success.

Yours sincerely
(Sd.) S. R. DANIELS.
(*District and Sessions Judge.*)

HARDOI.

5th August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very glad to hear of your promotion, and of the Begam's high opinion of you, and congratulate you very heartily.

With kind remembrances.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. SABONADIERE.
(*District and Sessions Judge.*)

GLENMARA,
ARTHUR ROAD,
Wimbledon Park, S. W.
6th August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to learn of your promotion and to read the appreciation of your services recorded by Her Highness. Trusting that this may find you well.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. CADELL.
(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

LONDON,
14. Gledhow Gardens, S. W.
6th August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am obliged to you for sending me a copy of the very gratifying letter written to you on 24th June by Her Highness, the Begam of Bhopal. It is always pleasant to find that one's work is appreciated. It is not only a reward for past services, but a stimulus to fresh exertions to do one's best.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) J. D. LA TOUCHE.
(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

NAINI-TAL.
7th August, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR,

You may well be proud of the work you have been doing in Bhopal, and I am glad to see that Her Highness

the Begam not only appreciates it, but marks her appreciation by substantial rewards.

Hoping you are well, and with many congratulations.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. S. CAMPBELL.

(Member of the Board of Revenue.)

CALCUTTA.

9th August, 1909.

MY DEAR KHAN SAHIB,

I have the greatest pleasure in congratulating you on your recent achievements.

You have indeed been doing great things and the manner in which Her Highness expresses her appreciation of your services must be a source of much gratification to you. I hope you will not have to deal with any more armed dacoits, but I trust that for a long long time to come you will continue to reap laurels for the work you do and be prosperous in all that you undertake.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) H. S. H. PIL KINGTON.

(Postmaster-General.)

27 STANLEY ROAD,

ALLAHABAD.

10th August, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was glad to hear of your advancement and the excellent manner in which you are performing your duties. It is

pleasing to hear of one's old friend doing so well and I trust that you will continue to prosper.

Wishing you all success.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) W. TUDBALL.

(*Puisne Judge, High Court of Allahabad.*)

CAMP BADNUR.

13th August, 1909.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR,

I congratulate you on the promotion you have got. I hope you will continue to serve the Bhopal State as loyally as before.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. M. LAURIE.

(*Commissioner, Nerbada Division.*)

UNITED SERVICE CLUB,

SIMLA.

20th August, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR,

I hope, in your success, you will always maintain the level-headedness which is characteristic of your family.

With my kind regards.

I am,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) H. N. WRIGHT.

(*Registrar, Legislative Department.*)

CAMP, VIA NAGPUR.

26th August, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR,

Your letter of 7th only reached me to day: It had gone a wandering. So you will understand why you have not had a reply sooner. But my congratulations on your recent good fortune-in having your salary raised-if belated are none the less sincere. Both you and Her Highness the Begam are to be congratulated, she on the excellent service you have rendered to her and you on the appreciation she has shewn of your work and on the eminently tangible and practical form her appreciation has taken. I hope it is the prelude to still further "sarfarazi."

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) P. A. WEIR.

(Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Central India.)

COFFORD HALL,

Colchester.

29th August, 1909. .

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am glad to hear that Her Highness has given you this further remark of her approval of your work.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) G. COLVIN.

(Political Agent.)

BUCKLAND GRANGE,

Ryde. I. W.

1st September, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was glad to hear that the matter of your salary had been satisfactorily settled and that Her Highness had acknowledged your services in such handsome terms.

Now you will be very busy with the preparations for the visit of Their Excellencies.

With all good wishes,

Yours truly,
(Sd.) H. DALY.

(Agent to Governor-General in Central India, Indore.)

22 EVELYN MANSIONS,

Westminster,
London, S. W.

2nd September, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I congratulate you very heartily on your promotion and still more on the high praise which Her Highness has bestowed on you for your good work. I have no doubt that you will continue to merit her approval for many years to come and I shall always be glad to hear of your advancement.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) S. F. BAYLEY.

(Political Agent.)

26 CAMBRIDGE STREET,

Hyde Park, London.

3rd September, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is a great pleasure to me to see how your services in Bhopal have been appreciated. As an old friend of your father's (who died on the same day that my father died) I have always felt a special interest in his sons, and am glad to hear of their success.

With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) F. W. BROWNRIGG.
(Commissioner.)

THE RESIDENCY,
NEPAL.

15th September, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very pleased to hear that Her Highness has raised your salary in appreciation of your good work and was glad to read the good report she recorded in that connection.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) J. MANNERS SMITH.
(Resident.)

BENGAL CLUB,
CALCUTTA.

8th November, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very glad to hear of your continued success and high reputation. I am sure you deserve them all, and I shall ever hope for your further promotion. With kind regards and best wishes.

Very truly yours,
(Sd.) J. S. MESTON.

(Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.)

THE EAST INDIA UNITED SERVICE CLUB,
16, St. James' Square,
LONDON, S. W.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very pleased to learn of your advancement by Her Highness the Begam in such honourable circumstances. I hope that your success will continue by Her Highness' favour and your loyal service to the Bhopal State.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) W. E JARDINE.
(Resident.)

27, GLEDHOW GARDENS,
South Kensington.

DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I received yours of the 9th October a couple of days ago. I am always pleased to hear from you, and on this occasion I was specially pleased to learn from Her Highness the Begam's resolution, how much she appreciates the excellent work you are doing in Bhopal. The addition to your pay will also be welcome, and I am glad to hear of it.

Believe me,
Yours very truly,
(Sd.) F. L. PETRE.

(Late 1st Assistant to Agent Governor-General, in Central India.)



Special Recognition of Services.

*Extracts from letters received from the Government Officers
specially recognising the services of the Khan Bahadur.*



THE RESIDENCY,

INDORE.

25th August, 1906.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I congratulate you very sincerely on the appreciation remarks which Her Highness the Begam has been pleased to pass on your work.

I feel sure that the praise was fully earned.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

(Agent to Governor-General.)

GLEDHOW GARDENS,

LONDON, S. W.

6th January, 1907.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad indeed to see by the official title at the end of your letter that Her Highness the Begam has recognised the good service you did in Bhopal in old days, by appointing you one of her ministers, an office which, I am sure, you will worthily fill.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) F. L. PETRE.

(1st Assistant to the Agent Governor-General in Central India.)

GLENMARA,
Arthur Road,
Wimbledon Park, S. W.

5th July, 1908,

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to hear that your good work in Bhopal had received such practical acknowledgment, and hope that Her Highness may continue to appreciate your services.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

20, ELM TREE ROAD,

LONDON, N. W.

3rd September, 1908.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was so pleased to get your letter and hear of the way in which Her Highness has been kind enough to appreciate your good services. That her appreciation is well deserved I know well, but we all like to feel that those for whom we work understand how we are doing our best for them.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. E. LUARD,

(*Political Agent.*)

THE RESIDENCY,

INDORE.

3rd November, 1908.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR SAHIB,

I am much obliged to you for your interesting letter of the 2nd November. The record of your family is indeed an

honourable one and you have shown in your own career your resolve to be true to the family tradition. Believe me with all good wishes.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

(*Agent to Governor-General.*)

19. GREAT CUMBERLAND PLACE, W.

29th November, 1908.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I was so glad to get your letter and to hear that you are so well. Also to receive the extract containing Her Highness's appreciation of your work, which must be most gratifying to you and which I am sure you richly deserve.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) CRICHTON, (CAPTAIN VISCOUNT.)

(*Query to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.*)

CAMP VIA AJMERE.

19th December, 1908.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was much interested to read of the good services done by your family, and I am sure that Government are well aware of the same, and recognise the good work which you have yourself done in the Bhopal State.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. PRITCHARD.

(*Commissioner Ajmere Merwara.*)

HOLLAND HOUSE,

Lansdowne Road,

Cheltenham.

21st December, 1908.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is very good news to hear that Her Highness the

Begam has increased your salary and obtained Government sanction to an extension of your services and I heartily congratulate you and I hope you will get grade promotion in the U. P.

I am sure Government can rely on the loyalty of your family in the future from its past history, though I trust and believe that no such sacrifices will ever be demanded from it as in 1857.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. G. HARDY.
(*Late Member, Board of Revenue.*)

14. GLEDHOW GARDENS, S. W.

10th January, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is always a pleasure to me to know that officers who have been trained in the United Provinces are appreciated by Rulers of Indian States. I have to thank you for sending me a copy of the letter addressed to you by Her Highness the Begam of Bhopal.

Yours very truly,
(Sd.) J. D. LA TOUCHE.
(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

GLENMARA,

Arthur Road,
Wimbledon Park, S. W.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

22nd January, 1909.

I have to thank you for your good wishes. I read with interest the extract from Mr. Carmichael's letters recording the good service of your family and the sad death of your

uncles on account of their loyalty to Government. I hope that the younger members of your family are doing well, and that your kinsmen will continue to maintain the credit of your branch of the Pathans of Shajahanpur among whom I counted many friends.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

THE MYTHE,
SIMLA.
25th June, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Colonel Bayley's letter is a remarkable tribute to the position you have made for yourself in Bhopal and to the good work you have done there. You know that I am always very glad to hear of your success both for your own sake and for the credit of the distinguished old family to which you belong and of our own Province. I wish you all success in your future career. I shall always be glad to hear from you.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.
(*Secretary to Government of India.*)

CAMP BENARES.
21st July, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAB HASAN KHAN,

I am glad to hear from you and to know that Her Highness the Begam has recorded so high an appreciation of the way in which you have discharged your duties. I have no doubt that it is fully deserved.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) D. C. BAILIE.
(*Member Board of Revenue, United Provinces.*)

NAINI-TAL.

1st August, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR,

I read with interest the remarks made by Her Highness and I congratulate you on having earned such an eulogy.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. M. HOLMS.

(Chief Secretary to Government, United Provinces.)

NAGPUR.

1st August, 1909.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR,

I was very pleased to know that you are rendering such good services to Her Highness.

With kind regards to yourself.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) B. P. STANDON.

(Chief Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.)

FOREIGN OFFICE,

SIMLA.

2nd August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am glad to hear that Her Highness continues to be pleased with your work.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. BUTLER.

(Secretary to Government of India, Foreign Department.)

THE RESIDENCY,
INDORE.

5th August, 1909.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR,

I was very glad to hear such good news from you. As a matter of fact I had already heard of your recovery within a few hours of two lacs of sovereigns, but I am very glad to hear that you have had a second opportunity of distinguishing yourself. Please accept my heartiest congratulations and my best wishes for the future.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) R. J. MACNABB.

(Assistant to Agent Governor-General, Central India.)

INDORE.

5th August, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am glad to see that your services are so warmly appreciated by Her Highness, as I am sure that they thoroughly deserve to be. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) J. H. COX.
(Magistrate and Collector.)

UNITED SERVICE CLUB,
SIMLA.

17th September, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Many congratulations on Her Highness's appreciation of your work. I have no doubt it is thoroughly deserved.

With kind regards to yourself.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) L. W. REYNOLDS.

(Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign Department.)

LONDON.

18, Queen's Gate, S. W.

24th December, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is with much pleasure that I have received your letter informing me of the visit paid to Bhopal by Mr. and Mrs. Miller. They will have greatly appreciated the hospitality of Her Highness the Begam and of yourself, and it must have been gratifying to them to see the proof of the State's prosperity, and of your good administration.

Very truly yours,

(Sd.) A. C. LYALL.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

EAST INDIA UNITED SERVICE CLUB,

St. James's Square, S. W.

25th March, 1910.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I don't think I owe you a letter, but looking through some old papers I find one from you, dated the 3rd September 1909, and can not risk the merest possibility of such a letter having gone unanswered, for you told me of your promotion and enclosed a copy of the handsome things Her Highness, the Begam Sahiba, had been pleased to place on record about you and your work and ability and your bravery. You have my heartiest congratulations, most especially on the proof you have given that you are a chief of the old block, and that the devoted courage shown by your family fifty odd years ago was no isolated instance of what good blood can do.

There is nothing better than a high but simple conception of duty and the courage to live up to one's ideals or to die for them and Her Highness is fortunate to have servants, or shall I say officers, ready to lay down their lives in her service.

With all good wishes.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) W. E. JARDINE.

(*Political Agent.*)

NAINI-TAL.
28th May, 1910.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram, dated the 8th May 1910, and to express the sincere thanks of the Lieutenant-Governor for the expressions of sympathy and condolence which you have been good enough to convey upon the occasion of the lamented death of His late Majesty the King-Emperor. I am to assure you that the message will be transmitted to the proper quarter.

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) J. W. HOSE.
(*Chief Secretary.*)

HOLLAND HOUSE,

Cheltenham.

10th August, 1910.

MY DEAR ISRAB HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to learn from your letter how thoroughly Her Highness the Begam places confidence in you, in private as well as in public matters, and I am sure that her confidence is well placed.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. G. HARDY.
(*Late Member Board of Revenue.*)

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL,

BOMBAY.

2nd October, 1914.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR SAHIB,

I cannot leave Bhopal without thanking you for all your kindness and the help you have always given me. I shall always remember the very happy times we have spent together in Bhopal, Sehore and in camp, and I am very sorry to leave Bhopal, when we had arranged so many tours for next cold weather. I hope you will help my successor Major McConaghy as you have, Colonel Haig and myself.

I hope you will continue for many years more to serve Her Highness with the loyalty you have always shewn her and to help us as you have always done.

With kindest regards to yourself and family.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) J. W. WATSON, (MAJOR.)

(*Bhopal Agency Surgeon, Sehore, Central India.*)

6. SUSSEX PLACE,

Hyde Park, W.

28th August, 1915.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is sad as you say, how as we get on in life, our old friends gradually disappear, and "one by one pass silently to rest," but it is sadder still now that such numbers of those who were to replace us have been removed before their time by this murderous war.

For your own circle you need not be disquieted. The young members now growing up will make new friends, and the old hands that attached you to a former generation of Anglo-Indian will be forged afresh, though on one side it may not be with members of the old families. Your own

name will always carry weight in political circles ; and your family is still represented strongly in the Province you belong to and I have no doubt its value is fully appreciated there.

I am glad to hear that you are still active and hard at work. You have done your duty well and will leave an honoured name to your family.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) J. O. MILLER,
(Secretary to Government of India.)

—
 NAINI-TAL.
14th June, 1916.

SIR,

I am directed to convey the thanks of the Government for the message of congratulation which you have been good enough to send on the occasion of the anniversary of the birthday of His Imperial Majesty George V, King-Emperor of India.

I have the honour to be,
 SIR

Your most obedient servant,
 (Sd.) R. BURN.

(Chief Secretary to the Government, United Provinces.)

—
 LONDON.
9th February, 1917.

MY DEAR DABIRUL-MULK,

Many congratulations again on your new title. I was delighted to see the commendations Her Highness has bestowed on you and trust you will live long to justify them.

Yours sincerely,
 (Sd.) R. BURN.
(Chief Secretary to the Government.)

REQUISITIONS OF KHAN BAHADUR'S SERVICES FROM THE JAORA
AND GWALIOR STATES.

Copy of a confidential letter No. 45, C., dated the 12th December 1914, from W. S. Davis Esqr., Political Agent in Bhopal, Sehore, to Her Highness, the Ruler of Bhopal.

There has been a "Cause Celebre" in Jaora which has ended in the conviction of a Durbar official and another man for forgery of State documents in connection with an enquiry touching the title to a certain Jagir.

The appeal which has been lodged lies in the ordinary course to the Nawab. But His Highness is naturally averse to dealing judiciously with a case in which executively he helped to collect evidence and initiated the prosecution and in which also he has a considerable pecuniary stake.

He desires, therefore, to constitute a special tribunal, whose impartiality cannot be impugned and to delegate to it his powers in full to dispose of the appeal, and has enquired whether it would be possible for him to obtain the services of Khan Bahadur Israr Hasan Khan as the Judge of it.

Would your Highness therefore kindly let me know if you could spare Khan Bahadur Israr Hasan Khan for a few days on his return from leave and if he would be willing to undertake the business.

Extract from a letter, dated the 30th June, 1915, from His Highness, the Nawab of Jaora, to Her Highness, the Begum of Bhopal, thanking Her Highness for the temporary loan of the Services of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E., Judicial Minister, Bhopal.

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND,

I desire to convey my best and sincere thanks to Your

Highness for so kindly lending, at my request, the services of Khan Bahaur M. Israr Hasan Khan.

I am glad to say that he proved to be very useful to me and I do appreciate his services. I am thankful to him for the advice and assistance he has given me and the trouble he has taken for my State.

It was only due to Your Highness's favour that I could obtain his services and I am therefore much indebted to Your Highness.

For a week or so I have deprived Your Highness's State of his services, but I feel sure you have not minded it as you are a well-wisher of me and my State and are ever ready to give me your best help and advice.

Your Highness's esteemed friend,

(Sd.) IFTIKHAR ALI KHAN.

(Ruler of Jaora.)

Forwarded in original to Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E., Judicial Minister Bhopal.

BHOPAL: } (Sd.) ABDUS SAMAD KHAN,
6th July, 1915. } *Military Secretary*
} *to Her Highness the Ruler of Bhopal.*

Copy of a letter, dated the 27th April, 1915, from His Highness, the Maharaja of Gwalior, to Her Highness, the Begam of Bhopal, requisitioning the Services of Khan Bahadur M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E., Judicial Minister of Bhopal State, to dispose of a boundary dispute case between the two Chiefs of his State.

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I wonder if you will be so kind as to oblige me by granting a request of mine. A boundary dispute case between two chiefs of mine, one a guaranteed holder and the

other an unguaranteed one, has been hanging on file for a long time. It is to be decided by Parchayat and both parties have appointed Panchas. The question now is about a Sarpanch whose name I have to suggest. I have made two suggestions before and they have been accepted by Central India Agency, but unfortunately both these men are not available, one on account of his serious illness which incapacitated him and the other on account of having been caught hold by Indore. Obviously the Sarpanch must be a man not in my service. May I therefore have your permission to suggest to the Resident the name of Khan Bahadur M. Israr Hasan Khan ? I hope you and he will oblige me by giving consent as I am anxious to see this dispute settled. If I hear from you in the affirmative I shall write to the Resident, suggesting M. Israr Hasan Khan's name. The disputed area is not far from Guna and therefore not difficult to access and the dispute will not take a long time to settle.

تالث بالخير (Salis-bil-khair) is an act of اب، (Sawab) will appeal to your Highness and to M. Israr Hasan Khan with equal force.

NOTE.—Her Highness was graciously pleased to grant the copies of the above three letters to the Khan Bahadur to be kept as record.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S CAMP,
United Provinces,

NAINI-TAL.

1st July, 1915.

MY DEAR MAULVI SAHIB,

It is very satisfactory to hear that the Jaora and Gwalior states had thought so highly of you as to borrow your services for important work. I trust that the business was safely and satisfactorily accomplished and that you are now comfortably back in Bhopal.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) J. S. MESTON.
(Lieutenant-Governor.)



Distinction of C. I. E. granted to the Khan Bahadur.

Extracts from a few of the numerous notable letters and telegrams received on the occasion of the conferment of the distinction of C. I. E.

ROWLEY LODGE,

Arkley,

Herts.

14th June, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very glad to see Bhopal figuring liberally in the Honours list, and heartily congratulate you on your own share in it. This is a fortune and very gratifying reward for all your good work there, and I am sure that both you yourself and your friends are pleased.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

(Secretary to Government of India.)

C/o MESSRS COX & CO.,

16. Charing Cross,

LONDON, S. W.

15th June, 1912.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR,

I must send you a few lines to congratulate you most warmly on the honour which has been conferred upon you by His Majesty on the occasion of his birthday and to express the hope that you may live for many years to enjoy it. It

was of course more than gratifying to me to see that Bhopal figured so prominently in the list of Birthday Honours and I know what great pleasure this fact will give to Her Highness.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) P. T. A. SPENCE.

(Political Agent, Bhopal.)

JHANSI, UNITED PROVINCES.

15th June, 1912.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR,

Please accept my best congratulations on your C. I. E. I am delighted to see it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. C. FERARD,

(Commissioner.)

INDORE, CENTRAL INDIA.

16th June, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Both my wife and myself heartily congratulate you on the distinction you have earned from Government, in the receipt of the C. I. E., which your services both to Government and to Bhopal State well merited ; may it be the stepping stone to many higher honours.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) F. A. SMITH.

(Residency Surgeon.)

VICEREGAL LODGE,
SIMLA.

16th June, 1912.

MY DEAR DEPUTY SAHIB,

I was very pleased to see your name in the Honours list.
Long may you live to enjoy this and many more.

With kind regards,

Your sincere friend,

(Sd.) J. R. ROBERTS.

(Surgeon to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India.)

NAINI-TAL.

17th June, 1912.

MY DEAR Mr. ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I congratulate you heartily on the C. I. E., conferred on you in the last Honours Gazette.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) W. GASKELL.

(Magistrate and Collector.)

LAHORE,

Punjab.

17th June, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very glad to see you in the Birthday Gazette for a C. I. E.. It is a proud day for your family and for Shahjahanpur, and I am very sorry that my old friend, your father, is not here to congratulate you and share your pleasure.

I hope that you are well and that the C. I. E. is a precursor of further honours, just as the Khan Bahadur was of the C. I. E.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. H. S. REID.

(*Chief Justice Punjab.*)

THE RESIDENCY,

Bengalore.

17th June, 1912.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR SAHIB,

Pray accept our warm congratulations on the well merited honour of a C. I. E., which you have just received.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

(*Resident.*)

NAINI-TAL.

18th June, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

Some how on Saturday I missed your name in the Honours list or I should have sent a telegram. Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your well deserved honour. It is a source of double pleasure that you personally have got this honour and through you the service of these Provinces has maintained its high tradition.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) R. BURN.

(*Secretary to the Government, United Provinces.*)

CAMP KUMAUN DIVISION,

18th June, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very pleased to see in the Birthday Gazette that you had received a C. I. E. which I have no doubt that you have thoroughly earned. Please accept my congratulations and hopes that you may wear it for many years.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. S. CAMPBELL.

(Member Board of Revenue.)

NAINI-TAL.

3rd July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

Please accept my most sincere congratulations on the high honour conferred on you by His Majesty in appointing you to be a Commander of the Indian Empire.

This honour recognises excellent service both to the Bhopal State and to the British Government, and it has been most fully deserved. It has been a pleasure to me ever since you went to Bhopal to know how fully the value of your services has been recognised.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) D. C. BAILIE.

(Member Board of Revenue, United Provinces.)

27. STANLEY ROAD,

Allahabad.

3rd July, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was glad to hear the good news of the title bestowed upon you by the Government. It is only the just reward

of merit. You have fully earned it and I am glad that for once Government have recognised good and honest work, which they do not always do.

My heartiest congratulations and may you live long to bear the honours.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) W. TUDBALL.

(*Puisne Judge, Allahabad High Court.*)

NAINI-TAL.

5th July, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It afforded me great gratification to see your name in the Birthday Honours for the distinction of C. I. E., an honour which you have fully merited by your loyal and good work both for the Government and for the State to which you devoted your energies.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. C. MANIFOLD.

(*Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals.*)

NAINI-TAL CLUB.

5th July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am indeed pleased to hear that Government have conferred the honour of the C. I. E. on you in recognition of your meritorious services. You have my warmest congratulations. I think you will live long to enjoy the distinction.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) DOUGLAS STRAIGHT.

(*Inspector-General of Police, United Provinces.*)

HARDOI.

6th July, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Hearty congratulations on the honour you have received. It is well deserved and I am exceedingly pleased to hear of it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) S. R. DANIELS.

(District and Sessions Judge.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Naini-Tal.

8th July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very glad to get your letter of 30th June. Please accept my very hearty congratulations on the honour of C. I. E. which was recently conferred upon you. There was no one better pleased than myself to see you awarded it.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) R. GORDON.

(Private Secretary to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,
United Provinces.)

C/o H. S. KING & Co.,

9 Pall Mall, S. W.

9th July, 1912.

MY DEAR KHAN SAHIB,

I am delighted to see that your excellent work for the Bhopal State and the British Government has been recognised by the grant of the C. I. E. Decoration, and I offer you my very hearty congratulations on your receiv-

ing this signal mark of honour. I am sure Her Highness will appreciate the distinction conferred on an officer who has served her so long and so faithfully.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) M. F. O'DWYER.

(*Agent to Governor-General, Central India.*)

O/o MESSRS H. S. KING & Co.,

9. Pall Mall,

London, S. W.

10th July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

It was with much pleasure that we saw in the Pioneer Mail that His Majesty had been pleased to confer on you the honour of C. I. E. It was a well deserved distinction. May you live long to enjoy it.

With best wishes,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) L. PORTER.

(*Secretary to the Government of India.*)

BROOKLANDS,

CROWBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

13th July, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I congratulate you on the well-earned honour of C. I. E. which His Majesty the King has lately conferred on you.

It is always a great pleasure to me to hear from old friends whom I have left behind in India, and more

especially it is pleasant to hear of honourable recognition of good services performed by those who were for so many years fellow workers with me in the service of Government. I trust that you may live long to enjoy the distinction gained.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. W. CRUICKSHANK.

(*Late Member Board of Revenue, United Provinces.*)

ABERFOYLE,

Naini-Tal.

13th July, 1912.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to see that the Government has recognised your services to the Bhopal State, services worthy of the high esteem in which your family is held, by the grant of a C. I. E. I have no doubt that it will as you say serve as an incentive to you to continue in the path of loyal service which you have marked out for yourself. Trusting that you are in good health.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. W. PIM.

(*Secretary to Government, United Provinces.*)

HOLLAND HOUSE,

Cheltenham.

17th July, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It was a great pleasure to see that you had obtained your C. I. E., and to know how well you have deserved the honour. I count myself a very old friend of your family, and am very

glad indeed that one of its members should have obtained such a distinction.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) R. G. HARDY,

(*Late Member Board of Revenue, United Provinces.*)

36. ST. GEORGE'S COURT,

Gloucester Road,

London, S. W.

17th July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

Thanks for your letter of 27th June. I had been meaning to write and congratulate you, as I now most heartily do, on your C. I. E. Owing to great deal of work in changing houses the matter get overlooked until I received your letter. I hope I may live to hear of your getting a K. C. I. E.

With kindest regards to yourself.

Your sincerely,

(Sd.) F. L. PETRE.

(*Late 1st Assistant to Agent Governor-General,*

Central India.)

14. GLEDHOW GARDENS, S. W.

18th July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

It was to all of us here a great pleasure to see that the honour of a C. I. E. had been conferred on you. I am sure that Her Highness the Begam also was gratified to know that the good work of the servants of her State was appreciated by the British Government.

Mr. L. Petre and I were speaking yesterday about your excellent work. He is I think an older friend even than I am.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. D. LA TOUCHE.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

LONG ACRE SHAMLEY GREEN,

Guildford,

Surrey.

18th July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am pleased to hear that the Government have given you the decoration of C. I. E. I am delighted to know that you are advancing so well and I hope, if I live, to see you still further advanced. I do not know that you have any thing to thank me for beyond my sincere good wishes.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. H. T. CROSTHWAITE.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

THE RESIDENCY,

Hyderabad.

18th July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was glad to receive your letter of the 13th instant, telling me that Government had been pleased to confer a C. I. E. on you.

I congratulate you heartily on the honour.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. F. PINHEY.

(*Resident.*)

GLENMARA,
Arthur Road,
Wimbledon Park, S. W.

19th July, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to learn from your letter of the 27th June that you had received the distinction of C. I. E. and congratulate you most heartily.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Naini-Tal.

24th July, 1912.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very pleased to hear that the King has conferred on you the honour of the C. I. E. I cordially congratulate you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. P. HEWETT.

(*Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

252, ST. JAMES' COURT,
Buckingham Gate, S. W.

26th July, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very gratified to get your letter and congratulate you warmly on your well deserved honour of C. I. E.

May many more dignities fall to your lot, and may your career continue prosperous and happy.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. S. MESTON.

(Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department.)

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

29th July, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN SAHIB,

I am very pleased indeed to hear that the King Emperor has conferred upon you the C. I. E. and I congratulate you very warmly.

I am sure you thoroughly deserve it and I hope you may live many years to enjoy the honour.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) DREK KEPPEL.

(Equerry to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.)

ROWLEY LODGE,

Arkley,

Herts.

14th August, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very glad to hear from your letter of June 24th how much pleased you were with your new Honour, which is by no means too great a reward for your long and excellent service in Bhopal. You will have received my congratulations long before this. You may be sure that we felt a peculiar pleasure in seeing your name in the list.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

(Secretary to the Government of India.)

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
Indian Medical Service.

Simla, the 14th August, 1912.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR,

Please accept my hearty congratulations on your appointment as a Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire ; and I wish you further honours in the future.

With kind regards from Lady Lukis and myself.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) C. P. LUKIS.

(Director-General.)

42. EGERTON CRESCENT,
London, S. W.
19th August, 1912.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

It was a great pleasure to learn that the distinction of C. I. E. has been conferred upon you. I regard it as a promise of higher honours to come. You have indeed already merited them by your services both to the Bhopal State and to the British Government. I can imagine how proud your esteemed and honoured father would have been had he lived to see your success.

I have just been reading with great interest the admirable book of Her Highness the Nawaba Begum. I was particularly pleased to read Her Highness's cordial and repeated appreciation of your own character, abilities and services. Her Highness evidently possesses in a higher degree even than her predecessors judgment in selecting and retaining trustworthy and capable ministers.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) T. STOKER.

(Chief Secretary to Government.)

LANCASTER GATE, W.

22nd August, 1912.

MY DEAR DEPUTY SAHIB,

I was delighted to hear that you had received the honour of a C. I. E. I am sure the distinction is one that you thoroughly deserved, and also one that you will highly appreciate.

Please accept my hearty congratulations from my wife and myself.

With our kindest regards and all good wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) C. H. PAYNE.

(Late Principal, Alexandra High School, Bhopal.)

BEAUCHAMPS,

Milford-on-Sea.

27th August, 1912.

MY DEAR DEPUTY SAHIB,

I have just heard of the honour which has been conferred upon you, and I write to congratulate you upon receiving same. But I feel sure it has been well deserved. Funnily enough I am just finishing Her Highness' book and have got to the part, where you and your family are spoken of as having done so much for the English. What a very interesting book it is and I am enjoying it so much having had the pleasure of meeting so many who are mentioned there and also knowing Bhopal.

With kindest regards and heartiest congratulations upon the honour you have received.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) WATERLOW.

C/o MESSRS H. S. KING AND Co.,

9. Pall Mall,

LONDON, S. W.

29th August, 1912.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am delighted to hear that you have been made a C. I. E. Please accept my very heartiest congratulations. I am sure the honour was well deserved and it could not have been more suitably bestowed.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) D. R. LYLE.

(*District and Sessions Judge.*)

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS

ON

C. I. E.

SIMLA,

13th June, 1912.

Hearty congratulations on your appointment to be a C. I. E., which will be announced in tomorrow's Gazette extraordinary.

(Sd.) MACMAHON.

SIMLA,

14th June, 1912,

Heartiest congratulations.

(Sd.) H. BUTLER.

SIMLA.

14th June, 1912.

Very pleased with honour bestowed on yourself. Congratulations both of you and Her Highness.

(Sd.) S. WILSON.

SIMLA.

14th June, 1912.

Our best congratulations.

(Sd.) LUARD.

INDORE.

14th June, 1912.

Our heartiest congratulations.

MAJOR AND MRS. SMITH.

INDORE.

14th June, 1912.

Hearty congratulations.

(Sd.) COX.

GWALIOR.

15th June, 1912.

Hearty congratulations on well deserved honour.

(Sd.) JARDINE.

SEHORE.

15th June, 1912.

Best congratulations for honour.

(Sd.) HAIG.

MUSSOORIE.

15th June, 1912.

Accept hearty congratulations.

(Sd.) COOPER.

KOHAT.

The 17th June, 1912.

Colonel Tighe and officers 56th send hearty congratulations.

(Sd.) COL. TIGHE.

NAINI-TAL.

17th June, 1912.

Very many thanks for kind congratulations. Please accept mine in return for your honours also.

(Sd.) BRAMLEY.

ABU.

The 17th June, 1912.

Hearty congratulations on decorations from us both.

BAYLEY.

NAINI-TAL.

17th June, 1912.

Best congratulations on C. I. E.

(Sd.) MAJOR PENNENGTION.

GULMARG.

17th June, 1912.

Hearty congratulations.

(Sd.) CAPT. MACNABB.

SIPRE.

16th June, 1912.

My heartiest congratulations.

(Sd.) SCINDIA.

AJMERE.

The 15th June, 1912.

Accept congratulations on honours conferred.

(Sd.) NOUSHAD ALI, (RAJA).

PATIALA.

15th June, 1912.

Please accept hearty congratulations on the honour conferred on yourself.

(Sd.) COL. ABDUL MAJID KHAN.

ALIGARH.

15th June, 1912.

Whole college offer heartiest congratulations on well deserved distinction and wish higher honours to follow soon.

(Sd.) VIQARULMULK.

RAMPUR STATE.

15th June, 1912.

Congratulate you on the title you have just got.

(Sd.) ISHAQ KHAN.

DELHI.

15th June, 1912.

Warmly congratulate you on the distinction of C. I. E.

(Sd.) HAZIQULMULK.

CHHARRA.

19th June, 1912.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations.

(Sd.) M. MUZAMMILULLAH KHAN.





The 50th Anniversary of the Assumption of the Royal Authority by the Crown.

Extracts from letters received on the above occasion.

—
UNITED PROVINCES,

Government Camp.

8th November, 1908.

MY DEAR SIR,

I beg to thank you for your letter of congratulation on the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Assumption of India under the Authority of the British Crown. I have read with much interest your reference to members of your family and appreciate the prayer for the continuance of British Rule that is contained in the last sentence of your letter.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. P. HEWETT.

(*Lieutenant-Governor.*)

—
ON TOUR,

20th November, 1908.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I have not received the letter of anniversary congratulations, which must have gone astray during my tour, but your second letter reached me yesterday at Sakkur in Sind. It will give much pleasure to all your friends as it does to me to hear of the terms in which Her Highness has expressed her appreciation of your work, and I have no doubt you will long continue to deserve similar praise. Your work must be pleasant under one who so thoroughly appreciates good service.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.

(*Secretary to Government of India.*)

Shamley Green,

GUILDFORD.

24th November, 1908.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am much gratified by your kind letter of the 2nd November congratulating me on the commemoration of the assumption of the Royal authority by the Crown. I am very well aware of the services of your father and his brothers. Your father I hold in very high esteem. I had not the pleasure of knowing his brothers. I wish we had more of your family and their like.

Your letter of the 4th November announcing your promotion and telling me of the Begum's very laudatory order on your administration has also reached me and I wish you long life and happiness to enjoy your promotion. It is good to know that you have succeeded in your work and that your services are known and acknowledged.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. H. T. CROSTHWAITE.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

18, QUEEN'S GATE, S. W.

15th December, 1908.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It is with great pleasure that I have received your letter conveying to me congratulation on the 50th anniversary of the assumption, by her late Majesty the Queen Victoria, of direct authority over her Indian Empire. The loyalty exhibited by members of your family during the Sepoy Mutiny is not likely to be forgotten; and I am well aware that you maintain that high tradition. I have read with satisfaction the testimonial, enclosed with your letter, that you have received from Her Highness the Ruler of Bhopal; and I anticipate that your services to the State will continue to obtain recognition and reward.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) A. C. LYALL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)



Offer of Personal Services for the War.



SHISHMAHAL,

Bhopal.

14th August, 1914.

MY DEAR MR. DAVIS,

Since here in Bhopal you represent the Government at whose hands we have received full recognition of our humble services, I venture to trouble you with the perusal of the following few lines :—

It is not hidden from your knowledge that from time of old I and my ancestors have been in the service of Government and that my forefathers were in the front rank of those whose loyal services to Government were confined not only to lip service but who actually sacrificed all their worldly possessions and even their precious lives in the cause of Government- a fact which is amply borne out by the remarks of the Honourable Mr. Carmichael (*vide* copy enclosed).

Now that the Government has declared war against its enemies in Europe, it is impossible for a man like me who has ever basked in the sunshine of that Government and received due recognition and honour at its hands in lieu of his humble services, to remain sitting mute and looking silent in an emergency like the present, and not come forward to risk his life and property in the service of that Government.

Actuated by these motives it is my sincere and earnest desire that, humble though may be, my services may some how or other be utilized by the Government, and with this object I submissively make this request of you that, since you have given enough proof of your being an embodiment of all that is good and noble and sublime, you will kindly inform the Government that should it in any wise require my humble services I shall deem it a great and lasting honour to serve the Government on this occasion.

With hearty prayers for the success of the British Arms.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) ISRAR HASAN KHAN.

Extracts from letters received from the Government Officers in connection with the offer of services for the War.



THE RESIDENCY,
Baroda.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

30th September, 1914.

You deserve certainly to get an opportunity of serving the British Government as your ancestors have done in the past. But don't you know that as it is you are doing good and great work where you are interpreting us to the Indian and the Indians to us, bridging the old gulf and promoting the sympathy, on both sides, that the King Emperor pleaded for. Surely India's splendid response over this war is largely due to men like you. And our labours in that direction are not over yet! All the same, if only for the "Nam" of it I hope you will get your wish and get to the theatre of war, if that is what you want, and come back with added credit. Perhaps you can help raise some useful sections, say an Army Bearer

corps of smart young men wanting to see the world and come to the relief of the wounded.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) W. E. JARDINE.

(*Resident.*)

ROWLEY LODGE,

Arkley,
Herts.

15th November, 1914.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Your offer of your own services was very chivalrous, but you and I, my dear Israr, are too old for the fighting line, and you at least can serve the Empire better by remaining at your important post. If you had been younger we might have hoped to meet you at the Front, but that cannot be, and it must now be long before we see you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) J. O. MILLER.
(*Secretary to the Government of India.*)

36. ST. GEORGE'S COURT,

Gloucester Road, S. W.

30th June, 1915.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Your offer of your personal services was very well made but I think it will be found that you can be more useful where you are in giving true information to your coreligionists as to the real facts of the war with Turkey. There are no doubt ignorant or disaffected people who will try to make others believe that the British Government wanted to make war on the Khalifs. Nobody is better able than yourself, with Her Highness the Begam to support you, to give assur-

ances that there never was any such wish, and that the whole unfortunate contest is the work of a few scoundrelly intriguers like Enver Pasha, Talaat Bey and others of the same stamp.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) F. L. PETRE.

(*Late 1st Assistant to Agent Governor-General
in Central India.*)

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE,

LONDON, S. W.

12th August, 1915.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am glad to hear that you offered your services and resources to the Government. Like you I have had no experiences of Military service, and like you I expect to have to look on till the close of the war and to try to occupy myself with business other than fighting, but which will, at the same time, help to bring the war to successful issue.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) J. P. HEWETT.
(*Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.*)

SIMLA,

17th May, 1915.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

The offers of help which the Government have received from you and other loyal subjects have been most gratifying, and although it has not been possible to accept them all they are none the less valuable.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) J. B. WOOD.
(*Secretary, Foreign and Political Department.*)

THE RESIDENCY,

NEPAL.

22nd May, 1915.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Like you I am anxious to take an active and personal part in helping our cause but so far have not seen my way to getting back to military duty.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) J. MANNERS SMITH.

(Resident.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAINI-TAL.

20th August, 1914.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Many thanks for letting me see your letter to the Political Agent. It is couched in terms which are worthy of your family and its history, and I congratulate you sincerely on the high patriotism which it discloses.

With all kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. S. MESTON.

(Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

OAK PARK,

NAINI-TAL, UNITED PROVINCES.

21st September, 1914.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I have been very busy of late. The contents of your address to the Agent were just what I should have expected from you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) D. C. BAILIE.

(Senior Member Board of Revenue, United Provinces.)

NAINI-TAL.

30th June, 1916.

SIR,

I am directed to convey the thanks of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for the message of condolence which you have been good enough to send on the occasion of the death of Lord Kitchener.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) R. BURN.

(Chief Secretary to the Government, United Provinces.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Naini-Tal.

The 15th June, 1916.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Very many thanks for your kind letter of the 10th. We all feel as you do about Lord Kitchener. His death has been the greatest blow that we have yet suffered, and the whole Empire feels it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. S. MESTON.

(Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

53. RAGLAN ROAD,

Dublin.

2nd July, 1917.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It was kind of you to remember me on the auspicious occasion of the celebration of His Majesty's Birthday, and

to send to me your good wishes, coupled with your prayer to God that this dreadful War may soon come to an end, by the victory of His Majesty's armies and by the establishment of lasting peace among the nations. Such, indeed, is the prayer of us all. We realize that before we can obtain peace, Germany must be defeated in the field.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) J. D. LA TOUCHE.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Maymyo.

13th June, 1917.

MY DEAR SIR,

Many thanks for your kind congratulations and prayers for Victory.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) H. BUTLER.

(Lieutenant-Governor, Burma.)





Viceroyal Visit to Bhopal.

Extracts from letters received on H. E. the Viceroy's successful visit to Bhopal.

Copy of a letter dated Ujjain, the 9th October, 1909, from the Director of Criminal intelligence Department, to Khan Bahadur Dabirul-Mulk M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E., Judicial Minister Bhopal.

I think your police arrangements will be admirable and I am glad if I have been of any assistance to you. I think the Viceroy's visit to Bhopal is certain to be a splendid success and Their Excellencies will be much gratified by all that will be done in their honour.

INDORE RESIDENCY CLUB,

Indore, C. I.

1st November, 1909.

MY DEAR KHAN SAHIB,

It certainly was a shock to hear of the attempt on the Viceroy's life at Ahmadabad but I am thankful that nothing untoward happened at Bhopal. I do most sincerely congratulate you on all the Police arrangements at Bhopal and the complete success of your administration of them.

Moreover I specially noticed, and even had it pointed out to me by others, how very greatly improved the Bhopal Police were in personnel. Some of the Officers and men were as smart as any in India and the whole force seen at the "Visit" did you great credit.

This improvement is I know due to your own exertion and the wise policy of Her Highness in giving you complete authority over the police and I think you may now be proud of your work and of your Police.

The guests at the camp really could not express properly their thanks for all the kindness and hearty welcome they received but I hope you will understand that Cecil and I send many happy thanks.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. WATERFIELD.

(Inspector-General of Criminal Intelligence Department.)

RESIDENCY INDORE,

16th November, 1909.

MY DEAR KHAN BAHADUR SAHIB,

Sincerest congratulations on the success of your arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. DALY.

(Agent to Governor-General in Central India.)

SEHORE, C. I.

18th November, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was going to write to you but refrained from doing so as I knew how very busy you all would be winding up the affairs of the Viceregal Visit.

The Police affairs as arranged for by you were excellent and the proof lies in the fact that every thing went off so easily. You must have had a very tryin time and are no doubt glad to have peace again.

As I told Her Highness, our visit to Bhopal was like a dream which will always haunt us. The whole series of festivities was so well managed and quite the best I have attended in India. I hope you will be able to come in and dine with or have lunch with us fixing your own date.

With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) M. F. TIGHE.

(*Commandant, 56 Punjabis.*)

31/3, JUDGES COURT ROAD,

Alipore.

20th November, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

On arriving here this morning I found your kind letter of the 16th. It must have been a great pleasure to you all that the Viceregal visit passed on so successfully, and I have since heard in various quarters the highest praise of the arrangements and organisation at Bhopal. It was not likely that any untoward event should happen at Bhopal, but still the abominable outrage at Ahmedabad must have made you glad that you took so much trouble to prevent anything of the kind, and that your police arrangements were so successful as all the rest. I was very glad to see you yourself in the place where your work has long lain, and to hear how highly your performance of it is valued on all sides. I hope you may continue to administer justice in Bhopal with success for a long time. Yours is a responsible post and I am glad both for your own sake and for the credit of the United Provinces, that you have always done so well. I shall tell Sir A. Lyall of our meeting you in Bhopal. Mrs. Miller joins me in kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) JOHN O'MILLER.

(*Secretary to Government of India.*)

ALLAHABAD,
20th November, 1909.

MY DEAR ISEAR HASAN KHAN,

I was very pleased to receive your letter, dated the 16th. In fact I have been intending to write to you ever since I returned from Bhopal in order to ask you to convey to Her Highness, the Begam, my sincere thanks for her generous hospitality. I can assure you that the visit to me was most enjoyable one from every point of view and I can without hesitation say that it was quite one of the best organised functions it has been my experience to witness. As regards the Police arrangements we can congratulate ourselves on the co-operation of the Government and State Police, and we may be thankful that everything passed off satisfactorily after the Ahmedabad experience. In appearance I consider your Police are quite the best I have so far seen in any Native State, and I was much struck with the excellent way the traffic regulations were carried out, and the intelligence shown both by the officers and men. You are in every way to be congratulated on having such a fine force of men which is no doubt due, in a great measure, to your own personal administration.

With many thanks,
Yours very sincerely,
(Sd.) DOUGLAS STRAIGHT.
(*Inspector-General of Police, United Provinces.*)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Lucknow.
20th November, 1909.

MY DEAR SIR,

The successful termination of His Excellency the Viceroy's visit to Bhopal was most pleasing.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) R. E. GRIMSTON, (LIEUTENANT-COLONEL),
(*Officiating Inspector-General, Imperial Service Troops, C. I.*)

DIVISIONAL STAFF OFFICE,

Mhow, C. I.

21st November, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was lost in admiration of all the splendid arrangements which were made for the Viceroy's visit and I congratulate you on their thorough success. Captain Routh desires to be kindly remembered to you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) C. H. DESVOEUX.

(Lieutenant-General.)

SEHORE,

24th November, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I send for your information an extract from a letter from Mr. Waterfield. Mr. Waterfield writes :—

“ I congratulate you on the Bhopal show (Viceroy's visit) and especially on the Police arrangement. Mr. Douglas Straight was very much struck with what he saw, and has obtained quite a new idea of the Police in advanced Native States, and of their capabilities.”

The above is I think a sign that your labours to improve the Police and to make good arrangements of the Viceroy's visit, are appreciated by those British Police Officers who see them.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) S. F. BAYLEY.

(Political Agent.)

Copy of a letter No. O 163, dated Mysore, the 25th November 1909, from the Director of Criminal Intelligence Department, to Khan Bahadur Dabirul-Mulk M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E., Judicial Minister Bhopal.

I was very glad that the Viceroy's visit to Bhopal proved so successful and was not marred by any untoward incident such as occurred at Ahmadabad. This event at least carried the advantage of showing how necessary it is to take the precautions which you so readily undertook at Bhopal.

MHOW,
Central India.

28th November, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very glad indeed that every thing went off so well during the Viceroy's visit and I am sure you deserve the reward of its being such a success.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) G. S. F. ROUTH, (CAPTAIN).
(Double Company Commander, 56th Panjab Rifles,
Frontier Force).

To KHAN BAHADUR

Deputy Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan
Sahib, Nasirul-Muham Bhopal State.

I was highly delighted with the exertions and diligence you have shown in the performance of your duties in connection with the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India to Bhopal. Hence in recognition of your good services I grant you this letter of appreciation.

Dated the 27th Zigad, 1327, H. } (Sd.) SULTAN JAHAN BEGUM,
=11th December, 1909. } Ruler of Bhopal.

GOMBERMERE ABBEY,
WHITE HURREH,
Salop.

24th December, 1909.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very glad to hear that His Excellency's visit was such a success and offer you my sincere congratulations on the prominent part you played in accomplishing this success. Wishing you all good luck for the new year.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) CRICHTON, (CAPTAIN VISCOUNT).

(*Query to His Royal Highness
the Prince of Wales.*)



PART IV.

Miscellaneous.

(1)

Testimonial letters of Khan Bahadur M. Mohammad Qasim Hasan Khan, Rais Shahjahanpur and retired Tahsildar of Bareilly, father of Dabirul-Mulk Khan Bahadur M. Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, C. I. E.

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M. Kasim Hasan Khan, Tahsildar of Bareilly, is one of my oldest and most tried friends in this country. I have known him since we were young men and shot and rode together. He was a great friend also of my old friend Mr. F. O. Mayne. His father, Mohammad Mohsin Khan, retired on pension when Sub-judge of Banda. Proceeding afterwards on a pilgrimage to Mecca the ship he was returning in was wrecked on the Bombay coast, and every soul on board save one perished.

M. Kasim Hasan Khan's eldest brother was a Sub-judge of the highest grade, and the next to him, Hamid Hasan Khan, a Deputy Collector when the Mutiny broke out. Their loyalty to the British Government being well known for they did not care to dissemble it, both brothers were murdered by the rebels on one and the same day in Shahjahanpur, and their house in the main street burnt down. A third brother, M. Ahmad Hasan Khan (since I believe dead), was a Deputy Collector both before and after the Mutiny. M. Kasim Hasan Khan is now at the top of the Tahsildars of the highest grade. It will be seen therefore that every brother did good service for Government, two losing their lives for their loyalty. I give this letter to my friend on leaving the country not with any view of obtaining him any further promotion, for he is not anxious for that, but in the hope that the service of the family which I had briefly detailed may weigh

with officers of Government in giving honourable employments to Kasim Hasan Khan's sons, for *surely every member of so loyal a family is deserving of every consideration at our hands.*

(Sd.) C. P. CARMACHEAL.

(*Senior Member Board of Revenue.*)

I have great pleasure in certifying that I have known M. Kasim Hasan Khan now for some time he was my neighbour when he was Tehsildar of Firozabad. I can speak too highly in his behalf. If ever I was acquainted with a native gentleman, M. Kasim Hasan Khan is one and would always be happy to have him as a neighbour. I can confidently state that he always had a good inclination towards the British, for I have had ample reason to believe it and if called upon will be only too happy to state what I know of the native gentleman, for he took charge of a Native Female Friend of mine in his house at Shahjahanpur for several months during the Mutiny of 1857. In short, he always *had a good mind for the success of the British.* I should indeed be too glad to hear of his being rewarded by Government for the same.

I may further remark that I was living at the Tehsil when my bungalow was burnt on the 15th of May 1857. In fact, it was at the request of the above native gentleman that I had left my bungalow and attribute my escape (from being murdered) to it.

28th October, 1858

(Sd.) A. R. MARR.

I hereby certify that M. Kasim Hasan Khan, Tehsildar of Firozabad in the Agra District, performed good and faithful service to the state during the months of May and June immediately after the out-break of the Mutiny of 1857. I was stationed with him at Ferozabad in command of a Detachment of the Gwalior Contingent Irregular Cavalry, themselves

not well disposed towards the Government, and I attribute the maintenance of good order in the district during those disturbed months to the good example and great local influence of M. Kasim Hasan Khan. He often accompanied me in attacks on rebel villages and on Decoits, and *freely exposed himself to dangers*. When at last the Detachment of Cavalry mutinied and it was impossible to maintain order in the district without a military force he accompanied me into Agra. Had he remained behind he would certainly have been ill used by the Mutineers. He was also instrumental in saving Rs. 2,000 of Government Money, which he sent on to Agra when the temper of the troops became doubtful. After we left his property was plundered by the mutineers. Shortly after our arrival in Agra, he left for his home in Shahjahanpur, where his family were exposed to many dangers and the Government authority beyond the immediate neighbourhood of the Fort of Agra was disregarded. I have stated his services at this length as he has lost his appointment for having been absent at a time when his remaining in Agra would have been productive of no good, and when his absence from his family would have endangered the safety of his family. I sincerely trust that what I have above stated may be of service to a man, I have a great regard for, and who has invariably shewn the greatest attention and civility to the Europeans.

CAMP BEWARS: } (Sd.) V. TONNOCKY, CAPTAIN
 21st November, 1858. } COMMANDING,
Gwalior Cavalry at Ferozabad.

M. Kasim Hasan Khan, formerly Tahsildar of Firozabad, has been intimately known to me for the last three years, and I firmly believe that not a shadow of suspicion can be attached to him as to being a true and faithful servant of Government. The fact of his not having left his post, till he was driven from it by the disaffection of the people of Firozabad and the surrounding villages and several other circumstances which are too lengthy to be detailed, such as my having remained with him for some days during the heat of the Mutiny, his having rendered such aid as was in his power to fetch "Marr" one of the Railway officials, &c., is

all that need be said in his favour. If anything further is required, I will be most willing to say and write what is true and just in my friend's favour.

MUNDAB : }
 28th November, 1858. } (Sd.) J. PRICE.
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I have had the pleasure of being acquainted with M. Kasim Hasan Khan since May 1857 when he held the post of Tehsildar at Firozabad, Zilla Agra. In those trying times M. Kasim Hasan Khan behaved with the greatest loyalty and gallantry possible and on the abandonment of the district of Mainpuri he accompanied us to Agra. From this station after the battle of the 5th July and destruction of the station he received leave to his home at Shahjahanpur and from the date of his arrival at his home to the time Shahjahanpur was retaken I believe he behaved loyally and remained staunch to Government.

On the advance of Commander-in-Chief at Shahjahanpur he went out to meet the force and up to the 3rd May 1858 remained in attendance on the Magistrate of the district. On the departure of the Commander-in-Chief on the 2nd and the advance of the rebels under the Maulvi on the 3rd May he protected Mr. Sallemont's son and defended his house till night when he escaped with his charge and in consequence of his adherence to Government his house and property was destroyed by the rebels. Since his appointment of Tehsildar of Powayan he has in every way done his best to furnish my force with supplies and carry out any work entrusted to him. I believe M. Kasim Hasan Khan to be in every way a very superior man.

CAMP SHAHJAHANPUR : }
 9th September, 1859. } (Sd.) D. CANYOU, LIEUTENANT,
Commanding Rohilkhand Cavalry,
Late Commanding at Powayan.

M. Qasim Hasan Khan, Tehsildar of Powayan, has been known to me for more than eighteen months, and I have a very high opinion of his probity and honour. In his tastes and ideas he sympathizes more with English notions than any native whom I have yet met in India, and I believe that he is a man, who, when properly appreciated, will gain the esteem of most English gentlemen.

(Sd.) A. C. LYALL,

10th February, 1860. *Joint Magistrate of Shahjahanpur.*

I give this note to my old friend and protege M. Kasim Hasan Khan, a native gentleman of old family in Shahjahanpur and now a Tehsildar in that district, deputed to Behar on special duty. If sent to the Famine districts he hopes to get employment in Chuprah and I hope he may be successful. I can guarantee his integrity and desire to do his duty and trust that he will do credit to his Government.

Agra, } (Sd.) R. DRUMMOND,

10th April, 1874. } *Commissioner, Agra.*

MY DEAR CARNAC,

Let me introduce my friend, M. Kasim Hasan Khan, who has been sent down for employment in Bengal. He is an old protege of mine and has come to see me while his things are on their way down country. He is a gentleman by birth and is afraid of being put under some one who may not believe in native gentlemen. He is well off and wanted to resign after 20 years' service but I made him hold on. If you could get him put at Anderson's disposal who is buying mules, he would be of great service. He is a first rate judge of horses and to be depended on.

(Sd.) R. DRUMMOND.

10th April, 1874. *Commissioner, Agra.*

M. Kasim Hasan Khan has been known to me for several years, but I have had more intimate knowledge of him since 1883, when I assumed charge of the Commissionership of Rohilkhand. Seeing that his first appointment as Tehsildar dates from 1854, it might be assumed that he is wanting in activity but physically he is a great deal more active and energetic than 9 out of 10 Tehsildars of the ordinary type. Though he might not now be able to pass a competitive examination, his shrewd common sense and his experience and tact render him a most useful officer ; and I look upon him as thoroughly good Tehsildar. The fact that in a district so full of intrigue and so ripe in false accusations as Bareilly, no one has even made in the smallest degree any imputations against his honesty, justifies me in rendering that I hold him to be a thoroughly honest man. He is one of the old fashioned sort but I am not prepared to count this against him, and can say that if some of the other Tehsildars were to imitate him they would benefit thereby. I give M. Kasim Hasan Khan this letter as I am shortly about to retire from Government service.

(Sd.) J. C. ROBERTSON,

1st December, 1889.

Member, Board of Revenue.

M. Qasim Hasan Khan is an old and valued friend of mine with whom I have been on the most pleasant terms of intimacy during 21 years. Throughout his career he has shewn a partiality for the society of English gentlemen, and a sympathy with their taste and ideas, which has been fully reciprocated by those who knew him. At the present moment there must be in England numbers of retired civilians formerly belonging to these Provinces who treat him as a friend and remember him with feelings of esteem and affection,

M. Qasim Hasan Khan does not desire to obtain higher promotion, but I hope that when the question of his pension is considered, Government will consider his strong claims to some recognition at their hands in addition

to his long service of over 30 years as Tehsildar. He and all his brothers proved staunch friends to the English in their time of trouble in 1857. Two of his brothers, one a Sub-judge, the other a Deputy Collector, were killed by the rebels, and he himself risked his life on our behalf.

The loyalty of himself and his family has been conspicuous, and being about to leave India after retirement, I give these few lines in the hope that they may be of some use to his sons, who deserve some consideration from Englishmen.

(Sd.) W. T. CHURCH.

23rd March, 1891.

Collector of Bareilly.

Extract from the letter of Sir C. H. T. Crosthwaite, Lieutenant-Governor, North Western Provinces and Oudh, dated Combfield the 10th September, 1895.

I think Sir Anthony MacDonnell will recognize your claims to consideration. You have deserved well at our hands. I hope you will get an appointment for your youngest son Mohammad Ashfaq Hasan Khan.

When you call on Sir Anthony MacDonnell you can use this letter as an introduction.



Letters of Condolence.



Letters of condolence received, on the sad death of the late Khan Bahadur Maulvi Mohammad Qasim Hasan Khan, by his son Maulvi Mohammad Israr Hasan Khan, Deputy Collector.

SHAHJAHANPUR,

28th December, 1897.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

Please accept my deepest sympathy in the sad loss you and your brothers have sustained, in the death of your father. I feel as if I had lost a sincere friend. I was very hopeful of being able to restore him to health, more especially as he had been keeping so well for the last two weeks, but it was God's will that it should be otherwise and all our lives are in his hands and he knows best.

Kindly convey my deepest sympathy to each of your brothers individually.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) JULIAN C. SMITH.

(Civil Surgeon.)

ALLAHABAD,

31st December, 1897.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have this moment received your letter and hasten to tell you how deeply grieved I am to hear of the death of my

old and valued friend, your father. Please accept my sincerest sympathy for yourself and your brothers in the great loss you have suffered. It was only this morning that I was talking of Khan Bahadur Qasim Hasan Khan and saying that I hope he was recovering from his long illness. I shall always be willing in the future, as I have been in the past, to help his sons whenever I have an opportunity.

Yours truly,
 (Sd.) F. L. PETRE,
(Commissioner, Allahabad.)

UNAO.

31st December, 1897.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have heard with great regret of the death of your father. You must feel the bereavement greatly. Though I unfortunately never had the pleasure of meeting him, the universal respect in which he was held by all officers under whom he served warrants me in testifying to the great loss the Government has sustained in the death of such a faithful servant.

Yours sincerely,
 (Sd.) A. B. BRUCE.
(Deputy Commissioner.)

LUCKNOW.

1st January, 1898.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I am very grieved indeed to hear of your respected father's death. He was indeed a gentleman of the old school, and as a friend of his for more than 20 years, I can sympathise with you all in your loss. Please give my

salams to your brothers, if they are with you. It is a source of great regret to me that I was unable to see your father during his illness.

Believe me,
Yours truly,
(Sd.) R. G. HARDY.
(Secretary to Government of India.)

CALCUTTA,
2nd January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have heard with regret of the death of your excellent father and my worthy friend Khan Bahadur Qasim Hasan Khan.

With much sympathy for his family.

I remain,
Yours truly,
(Sd.) H. D'O. MOULE.
(Late Senior Member of the Board of Revenue.)

13 RUSSELL STREET,

Calcutta.

2nd January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very sorry to hear of the death of your respected father. He was a great friend of mine in whom I had complete confidence. I wish there were more like him. His family has my sympathy.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) J. P. HEWETT.
(Secretary to Government of India.)

MAINPURI.

2nd January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was truly grieved to hear of the sad death of your father which was a very unexpected event to me. I was in hopes he had many happy years before him.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. NUGENT.

(Collector of Mainpuri.)

AGRA, N. W. P.

5th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I hear with great regret of the death of your father, Khan Bahadur Qasim Hasan Khan. I never met him but I am very familiar with his name as that of one of the best officers in the Province and one of the most respected native gentlemen in Rohilkhand. I often heard of him from Mr. Church, Mr. Moule, and in old days from Mr. Edwards.

With much sympathy.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) A. B. PATTERSON.

(Commissioner Northern India, Salt Revenue.)

LUCKNOW.

6th January, 1898.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I read with great regret the announcement of Khan Bahadur Qasim Hasan Khan's death and sincerely sympathise

this with you in the great loss you have sustained. Haji Ibrar Hasan Khan told me a short time ago that he had been far from well but I did not understand that the end was so near.

Accept this expression of my sincere sympathy.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) JOHN O'MILLER.

(Chief Secretary to Government North-Western Provinces.)

CAMP SANDILA.

6th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have seen the announcement of your esteemed father's death in the Pioneer. I knew your father well, and I was very sorry to hear of the death of a faithful servant of the Government, whom every one liked and respected and whom I looked upon as a personal friend. I offer you and the other members of the late Khan Bahadur's family my sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) JOHN HOOPER.

(Late Commissioner.)

SULTANPUR, OUDH.

6th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

Ashfaq wrote and told me of your respected father's death. I am sorry for all your sakes. But for him what could you choose? Rest, peace, after a long and useful life. What more could you want? My father, by a

strange coincidence died two days after, on December 30th. He was in his 76th year. So I know how to feel for you all. Good bye.

Your sincerely,

(Sd.) F. W. BROWNRIGG.

(*Deputy Commissioner.*)

GONDA.

8th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was deeply grieved to hear of your father's death. He was, I am proud to think, one of my best friends in India, and all who knew him will lament his loss.

Please offer my condolence to your brothers and the other members of your family.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. CAMPBELL.

(*Deputy Commissioner, Gonda.*)

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE,

Calcutta.

9th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

It was with great sorrow that I heard from your brother of the death of your lamented father.

Accept my sincere sympathy and believe me.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) T. W. HOLDERNESS.

(*Secretary to Government of India.*)

8TH CAMAC STREET,

Calcutta.

10th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

It was with much grief that I heard the intelligence of the death of your good father Khan Bahadur Qasim Hasan Khan and I trust that you will accept my sympathy and condolence for yourself and the family.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. D. LA TOUCHE.

(Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

FYZABAD.

10th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very sorry indeed to hear of the death of your father. There was no one whom I held in greater esteem.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. F. HOUSE.

(Settlement Officer,)

CAMP LALITPUR.

10th January, 1898.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was sorry to hear of the death of your father. Government has lost a faithful servant but the loss of his

family is much greater, and commands the sympathy of all friends.

Yours sincerely,
 (Sd.) H. J. HOARE,
(Settlement Officer, Lalitpur.)

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 BENARES.

12th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very sorry to hear of your respected father's death. As, however he was an old man, and had long been suffering from a painfull illness, you can perhaps find consolation in the thought that to him death was probably a merciful release. Hoping that you are well.

I remain,
 Yours truly,
 (Sd.) H. C. A. CONYBEARE.
(Commissioner.)

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 AGRA.

12th January, 1898.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

It was with the greatest regret that I heard of the death of your respected father and you have my sincerest sympathy with you in your bereavement.

When the time comes for you and me also to pay the universal debt I trust that we may leave behind us as honourable a record of a long life well spent.

Believe me,
 Yours very sincerely,
 (Sd.) C. P. LUKIS.
(Surgeon Major, Agra.)

DEHRA DUN.

17th January, 1898.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I was much distressed to hear of the death of your father and you have my best sympathy in your loss.

I am sure his death will be felt by his many friends both Indian and European. He was one of a fast disappearing type, a loyal friend and a good public servant.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. WEBSTER.

(*District Superintendent of Police, Dehra Dun.*)

AGRA DIVISION.

Dated Agra, 19th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am extremely sorry to hear of the death of your father Khan Bahadur Qasim Hasan Khan, and sympathize with you and your family in the great loss you have sustained.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,
(Sd.) E. ROSE.

(*Commissioner.*)

28th January, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am truly grieved at hearing, from your letter, of the death of my old friend Qasim Hasan Khan. It is now forty years since I first met him at Shahjahanpur in 1858, when the whole country was disturbed, and he served under me much later when I was Lieutenant-Governor of the North Western Provinces and Oudh, I have always had a great

esteem and regard for him as a faithful officer of the British Government and a good sportsman. His life must have been long and not unprosperous. But I am very sorry to learn that his last illness was painful. Pray receive and convey to the rest of his family an expression of my sympathy and condolence.

If you have an opportunity of calling on my son-in-law J. O. Miller Esquire, will you ask him to mention to me, whenever he writes, that you have received this letter?

I am,

Very truly yours.

(Sd.) A. C. LYALL.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

SCOTLAND.

3rd February, 1898.

MY DEAR KHAN SAHEB,

I have received your letter, dated 4th January 1898, and have read with very real regret, indeed, the news of your excellent father's death. I knew that he had been ill. Another Indian friend in writing told me so ; and I attributed to this cause the fact that he had not for some months written to me. But I did not expect to receive news of his death. I had a very great regard for him, and I think that of all the Indian gentlemen I have known, there was no one for whom the Englishmen who knew him had more genuine liking than your father. I am sure that many Englishmen who knew him will sincerely grieve over the news of his death.

I am very sorry to think that his last illness was a painful one. You do not say what the nature of it was. But it was like your father to bear his sufferings with patience and fortitude. There must have been consolation for him in the fact that he had seen all his sons occupying places in the public services, and doing well and worthily in life.

I hope that your brothers are all well in health ; and that the youngest of them will before very long get some further advancement in the Revenue Department. Give my salutations and best wishes to them all ; I hope that all of you will always merit the regard that your father gained, and will keep up the family name for loyalty and uprightness.

With much sympathy for your loss.

I am,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) J. R. REID.

(*Senior Member of the Board of Revenue,
United Provinces.*)

Bahraich,

4th February, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was greatly shocked to hear from you, and to see in the newspapers, the announcement of your respected father's death. It must have been a great blow to you and the rest of your family.

Please accept my sincere expression of sympathy.

Trusting that you are well.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) P. HARRISON,

Deputy Commissioner,

Bahraich.

EAST FIELD LODGE,

GUILDFORD.

13th February, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very sorry indeed to hear of the death of your respected father Khan Bahadur Qasim Hasan Khan. I had hoped that he would live long to enjoy an honourable retirement. It is very kind of you to write and tell me. I sincerely sympathise with your sorrow.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) C. H. T. CROSTHWAITE.

(Late Lieutenant-Governor, United Provinces.)

14 LANCASTER ROAD, BRIGHTON,

Super-England.

17th February, 1898.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN KHAN,

I duly received your letter giving me the sad news of your good father's death.

I need not tell you that I was very grieved there at, as also to learn that he had such a long and painful illness before his death.

Sir Charles Crosthwaite had also heard of it through your elder brother, and we both deplored the loss of an old and valued friend.

I was glad to learn that one letter of mine reached him during his illness. But the last one which I wrote to him at Christmas time, and in which I sent some message for you, he could never have seen.

I have kept all his letters which he wrote as also his picture on my table. These will always remind me of

him and of our long and sincere friendship. He was the best and most sincere of men.

Always write to me of your welfare in which I shall be ever interested.

Your sincere friend,

(Sd.) C. P. CARMICHEAL.

*(Late Senior Member of the Board of Revenue,
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.)*

HOTEL DE-BORELEVAID-PAN,

France.

9th March, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

I was very sorry on opening a Pioneer, which had been missent, and which reached me long after it should have come into my hands, the announcement of the death of your esteemed father Qasim Hasan Khan Bahadur.

I had a great regard and respect for him, and hoped that he might live for many years in his retirement, after the long and good service which he had rendered to Government.

In my service of 35 years I can remember no official who was more generally liked than your father, and when I was Commissioner of Bareilly, I had many opportunities of knowing and appreciating his value.

I sympathize most sincerely with you and his other sons, in whose welfare he took such a deep interest. I hope that you will all follow your father's example, and maintain the reputation for good judgment, energy, and rectitude which he has left to you.

I send this note through Mr. Baillie as I have not the Civil list by me. We are spending the winter in the south of France and hope to go to England next month.

Wishing you and your family all prosperity.

I remain,

Yours truly,

(Sd.) A. CADELL.

(*Late Lieutenant-Governor.*)

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10th March, 1898.

Address.

6 Castle Hill Avenue,

FOLKESTONE,

England.

MY DEAR ISRAR HASAN,

I was in Melbourne Australia, yesterday morning, when your letter reached me, containing the sad news of the death of your lamented father. From the bottom of my heart, I offer to you, and his other sons and family, my deep sympathy and condolence in this affliction. I am sure that few sons have had a kinder or better father.

For my own part, I feel as if I had sustained a great personal loss. I was extremely fond of your father, and it was always the greatest pleasure to me to meet him and talk of old times. It is now 28 years since we first met, and

during all that time I felt for him the highest personal regard. I hope to revisit India next year, but it is sad to think that I shall not see his kind and friendly face again.

I am sure that many of his old friends, such as Mr : Carmichael, will be deeply grieved to hear of his death.

Please remember me most kindly to your brothers and believe me.

Yours most sincerely,

(Sd.) W. T. CHURCH,

(Commissioner.)

—
CALCUTTA.

7th April, 1898

MY DEAR SIR,

I learn from your letter with great regret the news of your lamented father's death. Accept my deep sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. WOODBURN.

(Lieutenant-Governor, Bengal.)

—
Lucknow.

2nd October, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR

I was with great grief that I heard, on my return to Lucknow, of the death of my old friend, your worthy and respected father. He has died full of years and honour and has lived to see his sons grown up to be a comfort and a credit to him.

Please convey to your brothers an expression of my sympathy and of my esteem and affection for your father.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) T. STOKER.

(Chief Secretary to Government, United Provinces.)



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